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MORTUARY RECORD.

MITCHELL IS DEAD.

He Was an Old Negro Who Lived the Life of a Hermit and was Recently Taken to the Poor Farm.

Old man Mitchell, the colored man who was taken to the poor farm recently, died there Sunday morning. As near as he can tell he was somewhere between 90 and 100 years old and he has had quite a history. For many years past Mitchell has been a local character. He came to this state after the war and with his wife lived in the woods on the Powers estate northwest of the city. He squatted on the land but was allowed to stay there by the owners. His wife died a number of years ago and since then the man has lived entirely alone. He built a little hut 6x7 feet in dimensions and made that his home. He was a county charge and excepting when he came to the city to get his allowance from the county he never saw anyone unless they chanced to pass near his hovel. Recently the old man has been suffering with gangrene and as he could not be cared for in his cabin he was taken from there to the poor farm where he has been for the past two weeks. His condition was such that nothing could be done to relieve him but he was made as comfortable as possible. "Moocher" Smith, another inmate of the poor house has been acting as his attendant, and he has been trying to gather some facts about the old man's life. Mitchell says he was born in Louisiana. Yesterday the remains of the old man were buried in the cemetery at the poor farm.

James Huff, an old and highly respected resident of Macon county, died at his home in Maroa Saturday night, aged 84 years. For forty years he had been a resident of that town and was known to most of the older people in the county. He was a contractor and builder and quite a prominent man. He was held in the highest esteem by all, and his death is a blow to the community. He leaves a wife and eight children. They are Charles and Marshal Huff of Maroa. Mrs. Ella Chandler of Decatur, Miss Gladys Huff of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Lulu Steidley of Louisiana, Edward Huff of Michigan, Mrs. Alice Close of Ohio, and Hulbert Huff of Louisiana. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the M. E. church at Maroa. The services were conducted by Rev. Preston Wood, Jr.

Richard Pettyjohn died Saturday, Feb. 20, of consumption, at the family residence, 764 North Water street. He was born in Texas township, DeWitt county, Aug. 8, 1857. He had been a resident of Decatur for about seven years. He was a painter by occupation. In August, 1875, he married Laura Brothers, and she with three daughters survives him. The children are Mrs. Frank W. Arnold, Misses Etta and Lizzie Pettyjohn. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Pettyjohn, reside at Kenney. He also leaves five brothers and a sister, Bernard of Champaign, George of Clinton, Alfred and Will of Kenney, Charles of Waukomis, Okla., and Mrs. O. L. Rhodes of Eureka. The funeral was held this afternoon from the residence and the interment was at Greenwood. The services were conducted by Rev. Marion Stevenson.

On Saturday F. T. Phillips of Phillips & Woods, the piano dealers, received a telegram announcing the death of his father, T. G. Phillips, at Olney, at the advanced age of 82. Death resulted from an attack of pneumonia contracted during the death and burial of his daughter, Mrs. L. Creek. Mr. Phillips was one of the oldest settlers in Richland county. He settled there when the country was a wilderness seventy-two years ago and has always made his home. His son, F. T. Phillips, left for Olney Saturday night to be present at the funeral.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Leary was held this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's Catholic church and was largely attended. Solemn high mass was celebrated by Very Rev. P. J. Mackin and Rev. Father Brady. The pall bearers were Messrs. McDonald, Laux, McGinty, Campbell, Godfrey and Skelly.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gruver, wife of Nathan Gruver, an old veteran, died this morning at the family residence, No. 554 South Seigel street, aged 64 years. The funeral will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 26.

Ball To-Night.

The Leonard assembly ball will occur this evening as usual at Guards Armory.

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THE RUIZ CASE.

Gen. Lee Does Not Relax His Diligence in Probing the Matter to the Bottom.

IMPUDENCE OF HAVANA PAPERS.

The Case Evidently Selected to Precipitate a Crisis—Cubans Attack Artemisa and Capture Two Spanish Forts.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 23.—(By mail from Havana.)—While it is an open secret here as to the cause of Ruiz's death, yet the Havana papers dare not say a word. The residents know that there is a spy in every bush and every incautious word that they may utter will be heard and recorded against them. People have been arrested time and time again for incautious and perhaps joking remarks made in the presence of the spies in the parks during the musical programs. The people here know and realize the gravity of the Lee episode.

That Dr. Ruiz was murdered is the belief of four-fifths of the Cubans here and many of the Spanish. They recall how many similar cases have happened, and all know how easy it is for a prisoner deprived of every comfort and every weapon to commit "suicide." General Lee believes that Ruiz was assassinated. Yesterday he denied that he had called for war ships.

The Spanish papers are quiet today on the subject, but La Lucha let a little of its venom creep out in an apparently innocent allusion to the many disasters attending the American fleet, and remarked that the death of "a poor American dentist made lots of trouble." The situation has changed much, it is stated on good authority. Lee adheres to his demand that all American citizens now confined in Spanish dungeons on political charges must be released or else given a civil trial. This issue he proposes to fight squarely, and if the administration fails him, then he comes back home.

It is known that the consul general received over 1000 words in cipher yesterday and today from Washington, and it is concluded that the president and secretary feel the emergency of the case.

Lee is also working hard in the case of Charles Scott, an Ohio man, arrested in Regla several days ago and confined in a dungeon. Lee has demanded with much firmness that Scott be removed at once to another cell, and that he or any other American who desires be permitted to see Scott.

This demand has greatly vexed the Marquis of Ahumada, and he has had wire communication with Weyler several times Sunday and yesterday, and it is supposed that the status of affairs is being discussed by them. That the Spaniards are angry over Lee's interference, as they call it, goes without saying.

The American colony is watching matters closely, and all have given Lee the most enthusiastic praise for his steadfast determination to have Americans protected in Cuba.

Cuban Attack Upon Artemisa.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 23.—News was received late last night of an attack made on Artemisa by portions of General Riviera's forces, in which the Spanish forces occupying two of the forts were forced to retreat and the forts were blown up and destroyed. The Cubans advanced near nightfall, their advance being discovered just as they reached the outer intrenchments. The Spaniards poured in a hot fire, but the Cubans relied on their machetes, and fiercely dashed in yelling, "Cuba libre; remember Maceo."

The fierceness of the charge broke the Spanish ranks, and they fled into the second fort, a triangular earthworks, closely followed by the victorious Cubans. Here a sanguinary fight took place, the soldiers struggling together in a hand-to-hand combat for some time. The Spaniards finally retreated in good order to a third fortification, whose strength was such that the Cubans did not dare attack. After looting the Spanish camps in the forts and many of the stores and two Spanish storehouses in the town the Cubans retreated. It is reported that the Cubans lost 125 men wounded and killed, while the Spanish loss was over 300. The Cubans captured eighteen of the guerillas.

Spanish Ministerial Crisis Imminent.

Washington, Feb. 23.—News has been received from Madrid confirming the rumors of a threatened ministerial crisis. The new Cuban reform law has proved such an undeniable failure that Premier Canovas and possibly the able Spanish minister here may lose their official heads in consequence.

The test of the reforms was to be their reception in the United States and Cuba. They have been ridiculed here, spurned in Cuba and looked upon with suspicion by the Cuban autonomists. The Spanish foreign official feels that his dignity has been compromised, and blames De Lome. The Spanish people blame Canovas.

Spain, it is said in diplomatic circles, is bleeding herself to death. The foreign ministers in Madrid are endeavoring to induce her to end the disastrous struggle either by allowing to Cuba practical self-government demanded by General Gomez or to drop the matter finally by letting Cuba win her freedom. They fear that the war may involve their governments in trouble with the New World, and they have enough on their hands with Turkey.

Canovas is blamed for not recalling Weyler, and it is expected when the Cortez meets in April Sagasta will overturn the Canovas ministry and take command. He is committed to Weyler's recall and the offer of more liberal terms to the Cubans, and De Lome's recall is expected as a consequence.

THE WAR IN CRETE.

The Young Greeks Fought Well—Story of the Fall of Fort Voukilies.

Canea, Crete, Feb. 23.—The night that Fort Voukilies fell, Col. Vassos learned that the Turkish garrison from Canea was advancing to succor the defeated Turks. He dispatched a body of insurgents to meet them, and speedily followed himself with his troops. In the plain off Livadia 1500 Turks and 2500 Turkish Cretans, with three guns, engaged in battle. The Cretan insurgents and the Greeks deployed, and after ninety minutes fighting swept the plain, forcing the Turks to take refuge in Canea. Col. Vassos burned the fortified barracks at Livadia and the Aghio block house. The Greeks lost four sub-lieutenants killed and twenty officers and men wounded. In obedience to the orders of the king of Greece, Col. Vassos recalled the troops to Platania. Thirty-two dead Turks were found inside the fortifications, which were blown up by dynamite. The Greek troops were all young men. Never before had they been under fire, and they displayed coolness and courage. The Greeks took ten Turkish soldiers prisoners.

John W. Whipp.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 23.—John W. Whipp, aged 78, died in this city yesterday. He was for many years prominent in state affairs and in banking. He was a native of England. He was an expert accountant and first came to notice in that line in the work of straightening out the accounts of Governor Matteson at Springfield. He was cashier and a partner in the Home bank of this city from 1862 to 1878, when the bank failed. Later he was assistant secretary of the state board of charities. Since 1892 he had resided here in retirement. He was married at Beardstown, Ill., in 1849, to Miss Elizabeth Van Ness. He leaves six children.

Hart Found Guilty.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—John D. Hart, owner of the filibustering steamer, Laurado, who has been on trial in the federal court on a charge of setting on foot a military expedition to Cuba, was found guilty by the jury this morning.

Counsel moved for a new trial and were given four days in which to prepare the brief. Hart was placed in custody of the United States marshal but was not locked up. Hart and his two steamers, Laurado and Bermuda, have given the government more trouble than all other filibusterers afloat. The expedition on which conviction was founded sailed last August.

Delong Murder Case.

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 23.—The case of Lyman Hall, who pleaded guilty of the murder of Francis Delong, came up before Judge Dibell yesterday. The evidence on both sides was heard and the judge took the case under advisement, and will render the verdict in a few days. The general opinion is that Hall, who is 24 years old, will be given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

Bryan at Salem.

Salem, Ill., Feb. 23.—W. J. Bryan, wife and daughter, spent Washington's birthday here. Mr. Bryan addressed the pupils of the public school which he attended when a boy. He has offered two valuable prizes to be awarded by the board of education yearly to the the pupils standing highest in oratory.

High Water in the Wabash.

Grayville Ill., Feb. 23.—The Wabash river at this point is rising at the rate of an inch an hour. Low lands are all under water and as the rain is continuing it is thought that the river bottoms will be flooded. The river is now higher than it has been before in three years.

Colored Knights Templar.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—Colored Knights Templar of commanderies of the United States today organized a grand commandery. Over thirty states were represented

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Talk About Lee's Resignation—Conflicting Statements.

MRS. CLEVELAND NOT AT WASHINGTON

But Will be Present at the Inauguration March 4th—Plans of the Illinois Central for Steamship Line.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The state department has authorized the positive statement that as far as the department is informed Consul General Lee has not resigned, and has not threatened to resign.

Mrs. Cleveland and her children with the nurse left for the new home at Princeton, N. J., this morning. After the children are installed she will return to Washington to remain till after March 4.

Lee's Resignation.

New York, Feb. 23.—The Herald's Havana correspondent reiterates the statement that Consul General Lee has written a letter to go by the next mail tendering his resignation unless war ships be sent him and he be upheld in his efforts to protect all American citizens in Cuba.

Official.

Havana, Feb. 23.—General Fitzhugh Lee, United States consul general, today personally handed the correspondent of the Associated Press a written statement saying he had not resigned.

LAREY SAYS IT'S TRUE.

What the Illinois Central is Soon to Do in the Steamship Line.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—The Venezuelan consul, Herman Meinhard, is authority for the statement that the Illinois Central through its general freight and passenger agent, George E. Larey, is considering the establishment of a steamship line between New Orleans and the Venezuelan ports. The proposed lines would form a part of the regular Illinois Central system. Consul Meinhard and Larey have accumulated a mass of figures in reference to the project. The Big Four interests and other large concerns in the Mississippi Valley are said to be interested in the project.

(Note—Mr. Larey was formerly Decatur agent for the L., D. & W. road in Decatur and is a hustler. He has a large number of friends in Decatur.)

VICTIM OF THE RACES.

Won $900, Went on a Spree, Got Robbed and Tried to Kill Himself.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 23.—Edward D. Matthews, a cook, attempted suicide yesterday by swallowing a large quantity of chloroform. Matthews, who rooms at 706 Pine street, walked into the Four Courts yesterday morning and, after reporting to Detective Keeley that he had been held up and robbed of a watch, $20 in money and a diamond pin at Seventh and Pine streets by three men Sunday night, handed the officer an empty bottle labeled chloroform, and said he was on the way to his grave, as he had just swallowed the contents of the bottle. A patrol wagon was called and Matthews was taken to the city dispensary, where Dr. Newcomb worked on him until he was out of danger. He then sent him to the city hospital. At the dispensary Mathews said he came to this city five months ago from Independence, Iowa, and had worked at his trade ever since. Last Saturday he won $900 on the races, he said, and then began to drink. He squandered most of his money that way and the robbers got the rest. His misfortune preyed heavily on his mind, and he decided to kill himself. Mathews is about 24 years old.

BAILEY'S TRAGIC DEATH.

Tied to a Runaway Team—Fell Down a Declivity.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 23.—Edward Bailey, a lumber man in the Pine Creek region, and his brother, John, were bringing a team of draught horses from Blackwells to Cedar Run last night. Edward sat in a buggy with a rope attached to the team wound about his body, while he drove the horses attached to the buggy. On the way along what is known as "the narrows" John led the way with a lighted lantern. It was storming and the team took fright, it is thought at a black bear alongside the road. Edward jumped from the buggy and the runaway team dragged him fully half a mile when they plunged over an almost perpendicular embankment of forty feet, carrying the body with them. The track walker on the Fall Brook railroad found the bodies of the horses lying between the rails and under the body of one of the horses that of the unfortunate driver. The track walker flagged the Williamsport express and the body of Bailey was taken on board.

HOWLING TIME AT MEMPHIS.

Populist Vandervoort Denounced as a Republican Spy—Investigation.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 23.—On the reassembling of the Reform Press association this morning Secretary Parker secured the floor and said serious charges had been made by the Nebraska state association against ex-President Vandervoort. He is accused of being a Republican spy in the Populist ranks. Vandervoort immediately demanded an investigation of the charges. Immediately a dozen delegates were on their feet howling for recognition and a number of delegates wanted the charges ignored, but Vandervoort insisted and finally a committee consisting of Mays of the state of Washington, McDowell of Tennessee, and Ferguson of Texas, was appointed a committee on investigation. Vandervoort invited the committee to his rooms, saying he could easily disprove the charges. Then the committee on constitution and bylaws reported.

At Kansas City.

Kansas City, Feb. 23.—The Reform Press editon sent a telegram of inquiry to the Memphis meeting, asking that body to follow closely the plan laid down at St. Louis until changed by the national convention. The telegram asked what would be the test of membership? Would members who joined the Memphis organization be required to sever all connection with the free silver forces? Did they mean any member might be expelled for advocating co-operation with free silver forces? The telegram concluded by repeating a desire for harmony but declared it must be on the basis of loyalty to all principles of the people's party.

NO CAUSE FOR APPREHENSION.

Major McKinley Still Ill, but Will be Ready to Go to Washington.

Canton, Feb. 23.—Dr. Phillips when called this morning found President-elect McKinley very little better than yesterday and no more in condition to receive visitors than a week ago. It is believed the conference he held last week and Sunday were too great a tax on him and today he is suffering a slight relapse. The physician still maintins that there is no cause of apprehension touching McKinley's health and that he will be fully able to travel to Washington next Monday.

Ex-Banker Smith Goes to Prison.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 23.—F. K. Smith, the ex-banker of Columbia, Pa., who made a long and hard fight to keep out of jail, was surrendered to the sheriff yesterday and taken to the eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia.

Smith ran a private bank at Columbia, and attracted savings by paying interest on deposits. When the institution closed the deposits amounted to $200,000, while the cash on hand was practically nothing and what real estate he owned was more than covered by judgments. The depositors lost every thing and Smith was prosecuted for receiving deposits when he knew the bank was insolvent. Thirty-three indictments were found against him, only two of which were pushed, and convictions were secured on each. He was sentenced to a total imprisonment of two years and five months. The case was taken to the superior court, and a decision was rendered last week affirming the judgment of the lower court. Smith is 76 years old.

Mark Hanna's Declarations.

Cleveland, Feb. 23.—Mark Hanna consented yesterday afternoon to talk regarding the announcement that Governor Bushnell had decided to appoint him United States senator to succeed Sherman.

"I received," said he, "a letter from Governor Bushnell this morning apprising me of his intention to appoint me. I have written a reply to Governor Bushnell, thanking him for the honor which he has bestowed upon me, and in particular for advising me of his intention in advance of the resignation of Senator Sherman. It gives me a chance to prepare my plans for my new place in life. Governor Bushnell doubtless felt that the sentiment in Ohio toward me was such that he had better make the appointment. I shall do all in my power to be worthy of the honor. As far as my policy goes, it will be to aid the McKinley administration, and in particular to assist in framing at once a tariff bill which will seek to restore confidence to the country and give a stimulus to our industries. That is now the chief purpose of my life."

Donnelly, President; Ross, Secretary.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 23.—The new board of labor met this morning. The following members were present and sworn in: P. H. Donnelly, Springfield; James Alexander, Murphysboro; Thomas B. Kelliher, Pana; Andrew Jeager, Alton; M. Dalzell of Spring Valley. Donnelly was chosen chairman, and David Ross, LaSalle, secretary. The department was turned over at noon.

Visible Supply of Grain.

Chicago, Feb 23.—The visible supply of grain is: Wheat, 45,215,000; corn, 26,413,000; oats, 18,555,000; rye, 3,726,000; barley, 3,396,000.

HIGH WATER MARK.

Rivers Rising Rapidly in the East and in the South.

GREAT DAMAGE AND MILLS CLOSED.

Indian Outbreak in Nevada—May Attack the Prize Fighters—Four Hundred Freight Men on a Strike.

Pittsburg, Feb. 23.—At noon the river showed 26 feet and is rising nine inches an hour. Dispatches from all points at headwaters report rivers rising. Old river men predict a rise of twenty-eight to thirty feet here by nightfall. The low lands of this city south of Pittsburg, Allegheny are under several feet of water. All mills along Monongahela and Allegheny rivers are forced to close down.

High Water at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Feb. 23.—The rain has ceased and the temperature has fallen to the freezing point. If these conditions continue it will do much toward lessening the floods. At 9 o'clock this morning the river was 51 feet 4 inches and rising four inches an hour.

Under Water.

Charleston, Feb. 23.—The river is forty feet and rising. All of the lower part of the city is under water.

Indians Stirred Up.

Virginia, Nev., Feb. 23.—The last advices from Yearington, the nearest point to the anticipated Indian outbreak state that all is quiet there. The militia is under orders. A special train with a locomotive fired up and kept in waiting is at the depot. The adjutant general will go to the front today. It is seventeen miles through deep snow to the Indian camp. No further news can be obtainable for some time.

Strike in Michigan.

Ludington, Mich., Feb. 23.—Four hundred freight handlers on the Flint & Piere Marienata dock struck last night for a restoration of the old rate of 20 cents an hour. This morning the men brought by train from Saginaw were put to work loading the steamers at the dock.

Silver Men Issue a Call.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The silver Republican members of the senate and house issued an address today to the people calling a meeting of the "provisional national committee of the silver Republican party" to meet in Chicago June 8 to call a national convention of all silver Republicans who will co-operate with them in political action until the great monetary issue is settled and settled right. Each state and territory is asked to designate a member of the provisional committee. Charles A. Towne of Minnesota, is made temporary chairman. The address declares that the Republican party has abandoned the principles on which it was founded and that the silver Republicans declined to follow it. It is signed by Teller, Dubois, Cannon, Pettigrew, Mantle, Jones, senators, Town, Hartman, Shaforh, Allen, representatives.

President McKinley's Car.

President-elect McKinley will go from Canton to Washington in a remarkable car. It is a private car without a name, save that it is known all over the Pan-Handle system as "No. 38." The walls of it are of white oak, planked solid instead of the usual studding. If it should roll down an embankment the sides would not break, and it would resist almost any kind of a shock in a collision. The top is a double frame work of steel, and the ceiling is thoroughly cushioned. The floor is four thicknesses of heavy white oak. The entire car is a huge indestructible box. The chief luxury of the interior is the perfect arrangement of everything pertaining to human comfort. It has an old-fashioned fireplace and two palatial bed room apartments with brass bed steads in each chamber. There is a magnificent silver service and a large china set.

Drank Carbolic Acid.

Belleville, Ill., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Bux, wife of City Market Master John Bux, committed suicide yesterday at her home on South Spring street by drinking a quantitty of carbolic acid. She was found by some of her neighbors in an unconscious condition about 11:30 a. m., seated in a chair in the front room of her house, and all efforts to revive here were unavailing. She died about an hour afterward. Today was her sixteenth wedding anniversary. Ill-health is supposed to have caused her to take her life. Besides her husband she leaves two sons, aged 13 and 14 respectively.

—Mrs. Carrie Powell, 338 West King street, will leave next Tuesday for Circleville, Ohio, where she will be married to W. F. Ferwilliger.

Illinois Legislature.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 23.—In the senate business was of a routine nature. Among the bills introduced was one by Dwyer creating a board of assessors composed of three members, chosen by electors of the county, one for a term of three years, one for two years and one for six. Their duty is to assess all proprty in the country which shall be divided into seven assessment districts. Adjourned.

In the house Miller's bill for consolidation of the supreme court at Springfield came up as a special order on second reading. A motion was made for consolidation a Ottawa instead of Springfield occasioned long debate. The amendment to the amendment substituting Chicago for Ottawa was laid on the table.

The amendment substituting the name of Ottawa for Springfield was adopted by a vote of 66 to 62.

Y. M. C. A. Reception.

This evening the Y. M. C. A. will give a reception to the members of the young peoples' societies of the churches of the cities. The rooms will be opened and a large number of young people will be present. A program has been arranged. J. L. Deck will make an address of welcome on behalf of the association and music will be given by the Y. M. C. A. quartet. Miss Maggie McMahon and Loren Campbell will given a piano and violin duet and Miss Mabel Wayne will give a reading. R. C. Augustine will sing a solo with banjo accompaniment and Bert Bivens will give a toast on "Woman." The ladies of the central committee will serve refreshments to the guests. The Y. M. C. A. entertain the members of the church societies once a year.

That $300 Reward.

At Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, a few days ago E. E. McPeek brought suit against the Western Union Telegraph Co. for $500 on the grounds that the company had failed to deliver a telegram whereby he had missed capturing Orlan McPherson, a man wanted for the murder of Town Marshal Finley at Morning Sun, Iowa. The jury in the case allowed $300 damages. McPherson is the man arrested in this city by Officer Leech and whose capture there was a reward of $300 offered.

The Bicycle Race.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The bicycle score at noon was: Schinneer, 576; Ashinger, 518; Miller, 517; Hale, 486; Stewart, 473; Lawson, 474.

The score at 2 o'clock was: Schinner, 604; Ashington, 543; Miller, 536; Hale, 512; Stewart, 509; Lawson, 504.

Sent to the Millikin Home.

Grace Fowler, a 9-year-old girl, was brought into the county court today and an inquiry made as to her dependency. She was found a dependent child and was committed to the Millikin Home.

Mrs. Beecher.

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher has rallied from the extreme prostration of last evening, but is very weak.

Said to be Dying.

William T. Dillehunt, who has been ill for several weeks at his home on Bradford street, is reported to be in a dying condition.

Y. M. C. A.

Get your tickets and reserved seats for the basket ball game at West's drug store.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 23, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to S. Z. Lester, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations.

No market Monday—Washington's birthday and a legal holiday.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
February	—	—	—	74
May	76	76⅝	75	75⅝
July	72⅛	73¼	71⅞	72⅝
Corn—				
February	—	—	—	23
May	24⅝	24⅝	24⅛	24⅛
July	25⅝	25⅝	25⅛	25⅝
Oats—				
February	—	—	—	16⅝
May	17⅜	17⅝	17⅜	17⅜
July	18	18⅛	18	18⅜
Pork—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	7 95	7 95	7 92½	7 95
Lard—				
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May	4 00	4 02	4 00	4 00
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May wheat: puts, 74½c; calls, 76⅛c; curb, 75⅝.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat—40. Estimated, 20. Year ago, 186.
Corn—236; Estimated, 180; a year ago 1266.
Oats—370; Estimated, 299, a year ago, 723.

ESTIMATES FOR TUESDAY.

Wheat, 20; Corn, 230; oats, 340.
Hog receipts 27,000; estimated, ——. Market easy.
Estimated for to-morrow, 40,000.
Cattle receipts, 3,000. Market steady.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Feb. 23.—Corn, firm, new, No. 2, white, 19½c; oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 17½@18c; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Butter, weak, creamery, 19@19c; Eggs, quiet, 13@13½c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Wheat, May, 81c; Corn, May, 3-c; oats, May, 21½c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—Wheat, cash, 85½c; May, 85½c; Corn, cash 20½; May, 21¼; Oats, cash 16½c; May, 18½.

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ART OF NEEDLEWORK.

How It Is Taught in a Chicago Training School.

Use of the Needle Placed on a Scientific and Valuable Educational Basis—An Example Well Worth Following.

(Special Chicago Letter.)

When history began, needlework was a well established art. A Greek legend assumes that Minerva herself taught mortals the use of the needle. In the Old Testament Scriptures we find the statement recorded that the Lord, speaking to Moses, explicity directed how the ten curtains of fine twined linen for the tabernacle should be wrought, and also the veil of blue, purple and scarlet which divided the holy place from the most holy.

Although the universal art of sewing, which antedates history and forms no insignificant part of it, must have had a very utilitarian beginning, for the first clothing of man, the skins of animals, were roughly sewed together, it seems never until recently to have been developed scientifically along utilitarian lines, but only as an art, having as its aim ornate beauty. While it is true that excellent results have been achieved in the line of the commoner offices of the needle, such work has been accomplished by individuals who transmitted what they had acquired, if at all, without reference to or even a knowledge of the principles which made it excellent.

Some years ago the problem of putting this time-old art on a scientific basis, and making of it industrial education, was solved in the Chicago Jewish manual training school, and the results have been eminently satisfactory. During the six years that sewing and garment cutting has been a part of the regular curriculum of this school several thousand children have been taught the system, and it has been found that, as with other industrial training, it is educational in the broadest and most comprehensive sense, and this, rather than sending out accomplished seamstresses, has been the aim of those in charge.

The time devoted to this work, which has been very carefully systemized and graded, is 40 minutes twice a week by pupils of the first two grades, and 80 minutes by those of the other six, and credit is given for good work in this department as for similar work in mathematics or any other study.

Holding that the understanding of principles makes the worker free, the first thing in the course is the inculcating of those principles which are the foundation of industrial training. To this end the first grade pupils use an open, double-thread canvas in learning the different stitches in sewing. No work that is not absolutely correct is allowed to pass, and each stitch is precisely accurate as a certain number of the course, easily counted threads are taken up each time the needle is set. The work is done in bright threads on gray canvas in a simple design which is worked out by the child directed, but not assisted, by the teacher. Indeed, the whole system is so arranged that the child is able to do the work without help, as the first aim is to lead the pupil to think independently, coordinately and constructively.

When the even-length stitch, basting, overhanding, hemming and backstitching can be neatly and perfectly done on the coarse canvas with a blunt-pointed, long-eyed chenille needle, which does not in any way strain the untrained, delicate eye of the child, it is promoted to the second grade where two sorts of linen canvas are used that are softer and finer than that of the first grade, and brings the worker nearer garment fabrics, but which are still woven in plainly discernible squares of threads heavy enough to be easily counted.

In the third grade the first cutting is done. The entire system of sewing and cutting is founded on the square. The case for work of this grade is a simple parallelogram which is an elongation of the square. The system of garment cutting, which is a part of this inexpensive manual training course, was evolved by Miss Louise Heller, the head of the department in the Jewish manual training school, and is founded on a simple mathematical principle, which enables a child to cut garments without chart or any objective aid whatever. As with the sewing, the system of cutting is so arranged that the beginning is easily grasped by even a young child, and it is led gradually by steps which it can easily take until any garment worn by a girl under 14 years and a boy under ten years of age can be drafted and cut with ease. Girls of ten years of age who have taken this course can, with scarcely an exception, cut and fit a perfectly-fitting dress waist in five minutes.

The fourth grade is devoted to stocking and linen darning, which is so beautifully done that it resembles art needlework. In this connection fabrics are studied and spinning and weaving of different sorts is discussed, and attention is called to the fact that the threads in darning represent the warp and weft. As an incidental part of the course, all the materials in the sewing department and the implements used are discussed and something of their history is made a subject of conversation during the class. Color is another subject that is considered in the same way.

In the fifth grade, by the addition of a few curves, the workcase parallelogram is converted into perfectly fitting drawers. It is surprising how easily little girls of ten and 11 years of age cut and make their garments, and how much pleasure they have in doing it. There is none of the discouragement and forcing to effect which usually attends the first endeavors of children learning to sew. Each step is easy because the preceding one has been carefully taken, and the time devoted to sewing is invariably counted a privilege.

The entire outfit for an industrial sewing department in a good school costs between $30, and $40, and this includes a big doll as large as a year-old child. As soon as the pupil can cut and draft the first garment, she begins to cut and make clothing for this doll.



THE DOLL MODEL AND OUTLINE BOARD.

Having mastered those principles which enable her to work correctly, she is able to begin to create independently that which is good, and all sorts of pretty garments are designed, cut and made. More than this, as everything she has done has been perfect of its kind, she has a correct standard established and is able to distinguish between the excellent and the worthless, and to judge of the quality of her own work.

In the sixth grade, the cutting and making of all sorts of underwear is taught. In the seventh grade instruction is given in cutting and fitting gowns and trousers and waists for boys; and in the eighth grade the young girls completing the course make their graduating gowns.

As has been said, the first aim of the system is educational. It was planned to train the eye to see correctly, the mind to direct with facility and the hand to execute with care and precision. It has been demonstrated that this is accomplished, and that the girls who take this kind of industrial training are more successful in their other school work than those who do not. Yet, while the aim is not to train girls to become seamstresses, they do become accomplished needlewomen.

Not long since, through the illness of her father, a girl of 12 who had just reached the fifth grade in this course of manual training sewing was obliged to do something for her own support. She had never had any experience excepting in the sewing department of this school, but she was able to at once earn fair wages in a dressmaking establishment as a finisher, so uniformly fine was her needle work.

There is nothing in the line of art needlework in this course, but such mastery does the training give the child of herself and the materials and implements used in sewing that it has been found that children who have finished it can, with very little instruction, do very beautiful work of this kind. It is easy to understand how this training fits a girl to successfully undertake the finest art needlework, as she is not only trained to skill with a needle, but her sense of proportion is cultivated; her eye trained as to color, and her mind made flexible and creative by being educated to work independently, according to those universal laws which mark the distinction between that which is of value and that which is worthless.

ANTOINETTE V. H. WAKEMAN

What Hurt Him.

"A man who isn't his own physician at 40 is a fool," said the great Dr. Abernethy, and the remark has a measure of truth. Experience ought to teach us what we can do and what we can eat, but it does not always, as in the following case: Thus, according to the Roxbury Gazette, a man ate three cucumbers, a few radishes, a saucerful of currents, and drank a glass of ice water, and then went to bed. The next day he said to a friend: "Well, I have learned one thing, a person has no right to drink water just before retiring."

Honey from Apples.

In Chili they let nothing in the apple go to waste. There, after making cider and wine from their apples, they extract from the refuse a white and finely flavored spirit, and by another process they procure a sweet treacle, or, as they term it, honey.

Mr. Hooker, the present editor, will remain with the Pontiac Leader for the present. It will be Republican in politics.



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WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

On Feb. 23, March 29, April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th, settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Winter Tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal Winter resorts in the South and Southeast.

Improved Dining Car Service on the Wabash. Meals will now be served A la Carte on all dining cars on the Wabash line. This will be a great accommodation to passengers as it will enable them to select from the bill of fare just what they want and pay only for what they get.

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Clement on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and and returning Sunday only.

Homeseekers' excursion to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at one fare plus $2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

Springfield, Ill., account Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting; one and one third fare round trip. Tickets sold Feb. 22d to 26th, inclusive; good returning till 27th.

Washington, D. C., account Presidential inauguration. One fare round trip. Tickets sold March 1st, 2d and 3d, good returning not later than March 8th.

Carson City, Nevada, account Corbet-Fitzsimmons entertainment; $74.40 round trip. Tickets on sale March 12th and 13th—good returning till March 25th.

Lincoln, Neb., account Biennial Conference, Seventh Day Adventists. Tickets sold Feb. 17; good returning only leaving Lincoln March 6th. One fare, plus $2.00, for round trip. Tickets are on sale at one and one-third fare on certificate plan, on Feb. 7th, 15th, 23d and March 1st.

Account Mardi Gras March 2d, tickets will be sold to New Orleans or Mobile at $20.75 round trip. Tickets will be sold Feb. 22d to 28th, inclusive; good returning till March 27th. For pamphlets giving full particulars of Mardi Gras call at city office.

The Wabash "California Flyer."

Quickest and best service to CALIFORNIA is now offered by the Wabash Railroad, in connection with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Vestibuled sleeping cars through to Los Angeles without change, making twenty-one hours better time from St. Louis than any other line, and corresponding time from other points.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A Pollock passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Robert G. Wells, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Robert G. Wells, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1897.

ALICE G. WELLS, Administratrix.

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Monday, Feb. 15th, 1897.

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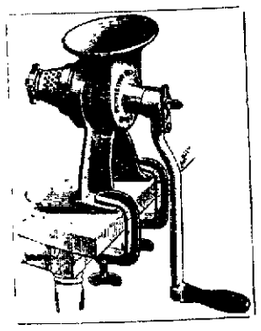


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LOCAL NEWS.

"Faust" at the Grand to-morrow night.

Who was the Black Trilby? Can anybody tell?

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mch 25-dtf

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct31tf

Judicial convention tomorrow afternoon at the court house.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for $1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

Fig syrup 35 cents a bottle at I. N. Irwin & Co.

There was a decided drop in the temperature last night.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Are you going to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans? The Wabash railroad offer special rates. Tickets now on sale.—23-6t

Mrs. R. H. Bell, aged 50 years, was buried at Cerro Gordo on Sunday.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Decatur Steam Bakery bread and McKinney's St. Louis bread at the Economy.—17-dtf

Monday the I., D. & W. railway employes at the Decatur end of the line got their pay.

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

William Hise has ratired as manager of the Willington hotel on South Main street.

S. P. McAllister is at Neoga to attend the funeral of his mother, who died on Sunday. She had long been in poor health.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtf

The Felix Levy butcher shop on North Water street has been sold to Stevens & Washburne, late of Mt. Pulaski.

The 30th marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Price was celebrated at their home in Wheatland township on Monday.

Robert Bivans, lately with the Standard Oil company, has become a traveling salesman for the Decatur Coffin company.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. feb23-d&wtf

On Thursday Gov. Tanner and party will leave Springfield for Chicago on their way to Washington City to participate in the inauguration of President-elect McKinley.

Col. Charles A. Parish, well known in Decatur, is a candidate for postmaster at Taylorville. He is a native of Taylorville and has always been a hard working Republican.

It was expected that Gov. and Mrs. John R. Tanner would visit Decatur last night and be present at the entertainment at the Grand, but they sent word that they could not possibly get away. The Governor is making arrangements to leave for Washington on Thursday.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson entertained friends at cards at their home on East William street last night. The evening was pleasantly spent playing six-handed euchre, and at the conclusion of the game refreshments were served. Those present were Capt. S. H. Abel, W. B. Rush, Clarence Wait, Dr. J. H. Eddy, Amzi Baker and their wives, and Mrs. Ed Allen and Misses Grace McMasters and Mabel Rush.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Meeting in the Interest of the Educational Policy—March 16 and 17.

The following letter to the Republican comes from President Wilder of the Illinois Wesleyan university at Bloomington under date of Feb. 20:

Presiding Elders, Pastors and Laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Brethren: The educational policy of the Methodist Episcopal church has been more or less clearly deefied and understood. Now new phases of education are being presented. Should not educational policies be adjusted in the light of the most recent knowledge to meet new and present conditions? What should be the future policy of the Methodist Episcopal church? Has the church any obligation to higher education? What is that obligation? What are its grounds? Should the educational policy of the church be connectional? How can we best promote the best interests of Christian education?

Believing that a more general and public discussion of these and kindred subjects would lead to better methods and more effective co-operation and promote the best interests of Christian education, we, representatives of the educational interests of the Methodist Episcopal church in central Illinois, invite you to attend and participate in an educational conference to be held at Bloomington, Ill., March 16 and 17. It is expected that Dr. C. H. Payne, secretary of the board of education, and other chief men of the church will be present, some of whom have already been engaged, namely: Bishops Bowman and Newman, President Henry Wade Rogers, and President W. F. King of Cornell college. A number of representative laymen are expected to take part in this conference. An effort is being made to secure the services of ex-Senator Harlan of Iowa. The program will be announced later. President J. R. Harker, Illinois Female college; President J. G. Evans, Hedding college; President B. W. Baker, Chaddock college; President S. Van Pelt, Grand Prairie Seminary, President W. H. Wilder, Illinois Wesleyan University.

Hazing at the State University.

The first reports of the sophomore assault upon the freshman supper overdid the matter a little. The young lady whose eyes were injured has fully recovered. Yet the affair was disgraceful enough. The council of administration of the faculty has investigated the affair very deliberately and carefully and as a result nine students have been expelled. Nearly all of the sophomores and freshmen have given their pledge to the university that they will not again engage in an assault upon other students or do any other thing which will subvert the good order of the institution President Draper sympathizes with all manner of legitimate sport but is for the expulsion of any student who injuries another, destroys property or interferes with the orderly progress of university affairs. He thinks students who violate the laws should be treated just as other persons who do so. The decided stand taken by the faculty has lifted the sentiment of the university to a higher plane and the outcome has given new confidence to all friends of the institution. Indeed, the university has had many compliments for its vigorous action.

The Teachers' Association and the State University.

The Illinois state teachers' association at its last annual meeting, Dec. 29-31, 1896, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily commend the broad and liberal educational policy which is marking the conduct of the university of Illinois and we pledge that institution our most hearty support. We urge upon the general assembly a most careful consideration of the needs of the university to the end that not only the present high position may be maintained, but that substantial advancement may be made.

State Convention in Decatur.

The annual state convention of the Illinois Young Men's Christian association will be held in Decatur on October 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. The dates were decided upon Monday at a meeting of the pastors' association. It is expected that 500 or more delegates from all parts of the state will be in attendance. The local association will bear all of the expenses and see that the visitors are properly entertained.

Bread, Bread, Bread.

We are now making the finest and best bread in the city, notwithstanding the **Second Day Bread from St. Louis**, that is being sold by some grocers at 5c per loaf straight for 16 ounces. Our bread for sale at all grocery stores that handle bread, 3 16 ounce loaves for 10c, or 24 ounces for 5c, and fresh. Take your choice and be convinced.

17-d6 The Decatur Cracker Co.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 29-d&wtf

Marriage Licenses.

Albert Pierson, Argenta, 24.
Jessie Shaffer, Argenta, 19.

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.

Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 25c.

Madison Park at Peoria, cost $45,000, and is not likely to be much improved for a number of years

The corporation of North Hoopeston will probably erect a town hall.

At The Grand.

"Faust."

Wednesday night Morrison's company in "Faust" will appear at the Grand. It is the dramatic production. Don't miss the wonderful realism of the stage to be seen. The electric effects are surprising.

"A Baggage Check."

Blaney's company in the above comedy play will appear Saturday night. A clever party of comedians will make things lively.

AT THE W. T. WELLS HOME.

Daughters of the American Revolution Celebrate Washington's Birthday.

The members of Decatur chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Decatur, organized one year ago, celebrated the anniversary of Washington's birthday Monday afternoon in a very appropriate manner at the home of Mrs. W. T. Wells on North Main street. Patriotic decorations were in evidence everywhere. Upon an easel rested a large steel engraving of George Washington and the stars and stripes hung over the assemblage of twenty or more ladies, who appeared wearing colonial fichus and other dainty trimmings of revolutionary times. Powdered hair was the predominating style to bring back the times of the long ago. The souvenir program was as follows, the exercises beginning at 3:30:

Welcome—Miss M. Belle Ewing, Regent.

Song, "Our Banner Still Waves"—Misses Ghiselle and Abbie Durfee.

Paper, "Washington"— Mrs. E. P. Warren.

Washington's Funny Song, 'The Derby Ram"—Misses Durfee.

"Washington's Life and Times"—Mesdames Hatch, Wells, Roberts, Misses Jennie Durfee and Powers.

Piano Solo, "Minuet"—Mrs. Arthur Alexander.

"Washington's Life and Times"—Mesdames Durfee, Kennedy, King, Griswold and Hostetler.

"Yankee Doodle"—Misses Durfee.

"Washington's Life and Times'—Mesdames Barnes, Vail, Shellabarger, Montgomery, Jack, Bartholomew, Misses Mabel Durfee and Edith Lytle.

"America."

A splendid colonial supper was served beginning at 5:30 in the family dining room. The long table laid with covers in white and gold for twenty persons, was banded with ribbon in the national colors. A large basket of red and white carnations filled the center, and candelabra with many candles shed a soft light upon the fair youth and dignified dames who surrounded the table in colonial dress. Later the ladies attended the entertainment at the opera house.

Second Marriage a Failure.

Clinton Public: Rev J. C. Rucker attended services in the Methodist church Sunday morning, and was invited by the pastor to make the opening prayer. The old man reverently kneeled down and repeated the Lord's prayer, changing the wording to apply to his personal condition. It was an eloquent prayer, and the earnest pleading was even tragic in delivery. His sad face and the knowledge that at the close of the service he was to go to the train that was to bear him to an asylum made the prayer more eloquent, and more than one eye in the congregation was dimmed with tears. Mr. Rucker fully realized his mental condition, and willingly went to the asylum, from which he may never return alive. His disease is suicidal mania, from which few ever recover. After a long life in teaching men to trust in God the old man failed in his trust. Domestic infelicity overbalanced his mind. His second marriage was a failure. He had passed the three score mark when his first wife died. There was no urgent necessity of a second marriage in his case as he had plenty of money to buy the comforts of a home and loving friends to cater to his happiness. His failure should be a lesson to old men to keep out of the matrimonial market.

Death of Mrs. Eatherton.

Mrs. Nancy L. Eatherton, aged 63 years, mother of Mrs. W. F. Calhoun, died at her home in Clinton at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Calhoun and Mrs. Walter Harris of Clinton, her only children, her sister, Mrs A. J. Thurber of Marseilles; her brother, George Hower of Akron, Ohio, have for several days been at her bedside awaiting the end as her malady was one from which she could not recover. The funeral will be in Clinton. Mrs. Eatherton was a Hower and was born and raised near Akron, Ohio.

Sales of Real Estate.

K. H. Roby to the Huff Bros. Lumber and Planing Mill Co., lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in block 8 in Plant & Tuttle's addition to Decatur; $15,000.

Rufus Braden to Sam Hornbeck, the south half of lot 4 in block 7 in Forsythe; $100.

C. G. Roane, to Mattie J. Myers, a strip of land 6 feet wide and 182 feet deep in lot 4 block 3 in North addition to Decatur; $200.

E. L. Martin to F. Behrend, lot 17 in block 2 in Riverside; $202.

Coming to Decatur.

Joseph Dawson, who has been a marble dealer at Lovington for many years, has closed out his business there. Next week he will come to Decatur with his family and will make this city his home. He will enter the employ of the Decatur Monument works as traveling salesman.

THE WOMAN WON.

Postoffice Contention at Mt. Zion Settled Amiably.

The contest for the postoffice at Mt. Zion was concluded Saturday night. There were four contestants in it to the finish. By mutual agreement the matter was left to a vote of the patrons of the office, both men and women voting. T. F. Bibby made a personal canvass as representative of all the applicants and each person who desired to vote was given a slip upon which all the names of the applicants were written and the voter marked a cross after the name of the applicant of his or her choice. The ballot was then placed in a sealed envelope and numbered. On Saturday evening at the Republican hall the ballots were counted and resulted in the selection of Mrs. Vermillion, the lady candidate as postmistress. The vote stood as follows: Total number of votes cast, 180; Mrs. Vermillion received 87 votes; H. G. Scott, 43; J. F. Harbert, 26; D. F. Dickey, 24. Mrs. George Vermillion is a widow. Her husband served in the late war as a teamster.

She will get the endorsement of Committeeman Scott for postmistress.

Burial of Mrs Stout.

Died, at her residence in Niantic on Friday, Feb. 19, 1897, Mrs. Anna M. Stout. Her maiden name was Detrich. She was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, was married to Ferdinand Stout, in 1842, removed to Illinois in 1865. She was the mother of fifteen children, eight of whom preceded her in death. Her husband died in Niantic, in 1888. Mrs. Stout was a member of the Christian church and the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Enneper, the pastor, on Sunday, at 11 a. m. The church had been draped in black and decorated with flowers. All of Mrs. Stout's seven children also Mr. James Stout and daughters of Emery were present at the funeral. Elder Enneper preached a eloquent sermon, after which the interment took place at Long Point. The pall bearers were Arthur Pritchett, Harry Flagle, Thomas and Reuben Herrod, Grant Caudle and Eddie Martin, all young men who grew up here except Mr. Flagle. Niantic has lost an honorable citizen, her children mourn the loss of a faithful mother. She was a true friend and a kind neighbor.

She has cross the silent river,
She is safe beyond the tide.
She has met her blessed Saviour,
Ever with Him to abide.

Myrtle Temple Social and Dance.

The members of Myrtle Temple, No. 2, Rathbone Sisters, celebrated Washington's birthday and the 33d anniversary of Pythianism by giving a social and dance at the castle hall of Coeur de Leon lodge, Knights of Pythias last night. There was a large attendance and the occasion was highly enjoyed. This was the program:

Overture—Orchestra.
Vocal Solo—R. W. Chilson.
Instrumental Duet—Effie and Eddie Kellar.
Recitation—Miss Ella Clarkson.
Violin Duet—Olga Keck and Bertha Troutman.

The program was warmly applauded and at its conclusion dancing was started. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson costumed as George and Martha Washington and was followed by a dance of fourteen numbers. The ladies of the temple dressed as colonial ladies, served refreshments throughout the evening.

Installation.

On Thursday next Rev. Marion Stevenson will be formally installed as pastor of the Edward street Christian church. A number of ministers from out of the city will be present. The ceremony will be given at two o'clock in the afternoon, and the ordination of the elders and deacons will be observed at the evening. Rev. Abner Cobb of Springfield will conduct the service of installation assisted by pastors of this city. At 7:30 Rev. Cobb assisted by Rev. Stevenson will ordain the board of elders and the board of deacons. Music for this occasion will be furnished by the quartette of the Baptist church. Rev. S. H. Moore, of Jacksonville, is also expected to be present and assist in the services. A general invitation to the public is extended.

State Meeting.

In the near future a state meeting of monument dealers will be held in this city for the purpose of organizing an association. The proposition has been under consideration for several months. President John A. Brown of the Decatur Monument works, has extended an invitation to the dealers to assemble in Decatur and they will do so.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight; warmer central, north Wednesday; northwesterly winds.

Lee vs. Cleveland.

If recent reports from Havana are correct Consul General Lee is all right; and that he should be handicapped by the imbecile policy of any impotent administration, as to our relations with Cuba, is greatly to be regretted and very humiliating to the consul general who believes in his own country and chafes because he cannot maintain its dignity as against the impudent Spaniards. Every day it becomes clearer that instead of policing the seas for Spain our navy should be in the vicinity of Spanish ports demanding explanation and satisfaction for outrages upon American citizens. These outrages are numbered by the score and yet Cleveland, so far, has failed to attach any significance to them, allowing Spain, in her own way, and in her own good time, to make some trivial excuse while he goes on working the American courts and the American navy in the interest of Spain in the war in Cuba. Spain seems to be playing him for a coward or a chump.

The most recent development of Spain's impudence and ingratitude after all that Cleveland has done for them, is the matter of the death of Dr. Ruiz, an American citizen, in a Spanish prison in Cuba. He had committed no crime against Spain, was simply a Cuban sympathizer and was arrested by Spanish authority, put in prison, when he was known to be an American citizen, without notifying our government, died or was killed in his dungeon and was secretly buried by the Spaniards, and not until Consul General Lee was permitted to make a demand upon the Spanish authorities in the name of his government did they deign to notice the fact that he represented the government of the United States.

This according to the story was too much for the American consul and after talking business to Spain in plain words he did a little of the same thing to the sleepy administration at Washington, in an effort to impress upon it the meaning of an American citizen and as a result United States war ships may appear in Cuban waters. If they do appear Spain will know what they were built for and will need no explanation of the nature of the craft. They should have been there long ago and the fact that they have not been there is a disgrace to us as a nation for which Grover Cleveland is responsible.

The trouble with the president is that he does not comprehend what American citizenship means. If he did, neither Spain nor any other nation would imprison an American without just cause and escape without making prompt apology in sight of the muzzles of the guns of a man-of-war. This nation is pledged to the protection of every citizen. It is a compact of citizens and no president elected by those citizens has either a moral or constitutional right to sit quietly by and permit the liberties of a single citizen to be taken away without protest. This farce of invoking international law in order to make ourselves the spies and policemen of Spain has already gone beyond the point of endurance with calmness, and if the present administration will not listen to the voice of the people as they protest and protest again and again and proclaim their sympathy with the struggling Cubans then all that is left them is to thank the Creator, whom a free people have declared has endowed mankind with an inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that Grover Cleveland has only eight more days to execute the laws in the interest of Spain and to the discredit of the nation.

How Greece Became Free.

Greece for 360 years was a Turkish province, but in 1821 the Greeks resolved to throw off the Turkish yoke and encouraged by Russia and led by Nicolas Ypsilanti they proved more than a match for the Turks. At the end of a three years' war Mahmond II seeing defeat staring him in the face formed an alliance with Egypt and secured the aid of Mahmet Ali, the Egyptian pasha. For his services against the Greeks he was to receive Crete and Morea, in case the rebellion in Greece was suppressed. When the Egyptian forces arrived the war became terrible for brutality, cruelty and outrage. Greece was unable to compete with the allies and appealed to Europe and the United States for help. In 1828 the allied powers of Europe advised that an armestice should be agreed to between Greece and Turkey and that Greece should be put upon the footing of a tributary powe with the right to choose her own governors. The porte obstinately refused to listen to the powers. Thereupon the fleet of the powers were instructed to prevent the landing of any more hostile troops upon Grecian soil. The Turco-Egyptian fleet refused to comply with the order and entered the harbor of Navarino with a fleet of 120 vessels, carrying 3000 guns. The allied fleet followed and its flag of truce was fired upon and a naval battle followed in which the allied fleet was destroyed save twenty-five vessels which were seriously crippled. This blow secured the freedom of Greece. It placed under the protection of England, France and Russia. The present ruler Prince George of Denmark, was elected king by the people in 1863 and was crowned bythe consent of the powers.

Some people are slow to observe that the protests of those who tried to defeat McKinley, to the recognition of those who fought the battles for McKinley, count in the opposite direction in which they are intended. It will be found that ingratitude is not part of the make up of McKinley and his friends and it might be added that they are not likely to be deceived.

The policy of our government, since the doctrine was first announced by President Washington, has been to avoid all entangling alliance with other nations. If this policy is to be carried out it clearly follows that the general arbitration treaty pending in the senate should be knocked higher than a kite. It amounts to an entangling alliance with England the greatest territory grabber on earth.

The powers bombarded the Greeks and the Cretans because there was no danger of a quarrel among themselves as there would be no territory to divide but the whole outfit would not dare to fire off a bull cracker in Constantinople if all the Christians in Turkey were massacred and their wives and daughters outraged.

Grover Cleveland can point with pride, and some degree of extenuation to the combined powers doing police duty for Turkey while the Turks are killing and outraging Christians. Grover is playing policeman for a nation as contemptible and mean as the Turks ever were.

Governor Bushnell seems to have left an opportunity to run for governor to succeed himself while Mark Hanna will make a campaign to succeed himself in the United States senate.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

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Pekin Times: A number of Pekin fishermen are keeping fat wallets during the winter months by catching dog fish for the Chicago market. Pekin dog fish have become a favorite dish on the table of the rich, who alone can afford such luxuries, and they are in great demand, a fact which is attributed to the extra fine quality of gas house refuse on which the dog fish feed.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., *Sun* writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anna Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and strength. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Get a bottle at West's drug store

Mrs. Emma N. Perkins is a leading candidate for postmaster at Tuscola, having 1000 names on her petition asking Congressman Warner for his good offices in her behalf. The women of course, are taking a special interst in her case.

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The Fairbury anti-horse thief association had a parade of about seventy horsemen last Saturday, making a very imposing appearance. They are negotiating for a pair of bloodhounds to assist in tracking thieves and bad men generally.

LOST—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON.

New Stories in Which Our Lawmakers Are Interested.

Bad Break of a Politician in a Western Church—How the Quarrel Between Gen. Beauregard and Jeff Davis Started.

[Special Washington Letter.]

It is related of an ardent partisan of Congressman Kem, of Nebraska, who lost sleep for weeks prior to Kem's nomination, that he made it his religious duty to fall in with the sentiment of every community in which he found himself. If the Baptist predominated he became a strong advocate of immersion as a means for the remission of sins; with the Methodists he was a



TOO MUCH PEPPER.

faithful Wesleyan, and so on with the Presbyterians and other denominations.

Naturally, this partisan was a roustabout, with the advantage of no religious training. During the progress of his canvass for delegates, this political worker went to a prayer-meeting, without previous knowledge of the theological preference of the brethren.

It was a gathering of farmers, though, and he trusted to luck. He had never been an active participant in church exercises, but on this occasion he outdid himself. Possessed of a good voice, he sang with such fervor and zeal that the leader mistook him for a professor and called upon him to offer prayer.

It was a stunner, but remembering that he was in the midst of farmers, he tumbled upon his knees and began a petition for their welfare. He prayed that they might be blessed with barrels of corn, barrels of potatoes, barrels of wheat, and so on, until he exhausted his vocabulary. He floundered, but at once remembered another item, and with renewed emphasis exclaimed:

"Oh, Lord, it is humbly petitioned that Thou wilt give them barrels of pepper," but suddenly remembering the disproportion of this, he exclaimed:

"The deuce, no! That's too much pepper."

The startled group about him rose en masse. The politician headed for the door, and disappeared in the late twilight.

How to Cure a Balky Horse.

Congressman Jim Tawney, of Minnesota, says that he knows a sure cure for a balky horse. He learned it in Winona from a farmer of great experience. A big dray was backed up against the sidewalk and a dozen or more people were watching the unloading of a heavy box. Along came a rusty old fellow with a large cane and a very storm-beaten plug hat.

"What! What! A balky horse, eh!" he chattered to himself as he took in the situation. No one answered him, and he asked of a bystander:

"Have the expedients been resorted to?"

"Dunno."

"Looks like an obstinate brute, but I have a remedy. Always works when other artifices have been tried in vain.



BLOWING IN HIS LEFT EAR.

I suppose there will be no objection to my trying it?"

"Dunno."

"Well, I'll take it upon myself to start this beast. You see how easily it is done."

He stepped to the horse's head, pulled his left ear down and blew in it with a great "whew-o-o-s-h!" The amazed horse gave his head a swing, and the crowd saw the rusty old man go head over heels into the gutter, while his hat flew one way and his cane another.

"What in the blazes are you up to, anyway?" shouted the drayman, as he let go of the box and ran to the horse to quiet him.

"Never fails—never knew it to fail in my life," replied the old man, as he scrambled up and grabbed for his hat.

Everybody began laughing, and as he rescued his cane from the wheels of a passing car, the man with the remedy turned and explained:

"Left ear is the one. Always pull the left ear down and go 'whew-o-o-s-h!' and you've got him. Morning, gentlemen—the left ear remember."

Why Sawbones Probed in Vain.

A veteran of the battle of Vicksburg told the following story as he sat in the corridor of the Ebbitt house: "Surgeons were scarce in our regiment, just after the fight was ended, and young practitioners who afterward became more or less famous in the medical world were doing as well as they could amid the embarrassing surroundings. A young soldier right next to me had been shot through the leg. One of the doctors came to him and began probing for the bullet. He worked for half an hour, and at length the wounded man said:

"'Tell me how much longer are you going to gouge on that leg.'

"'Why, I want to probe until I find the bullet,' replied the doctor. 'If I don't find it you will die.'

"'Why, you blasted idiot, there is the bullet in the base of that tree,' rejoined the injured man. 'As soon as you bandage up my injured leg I am going to carve it out and save it for a souvenir.'

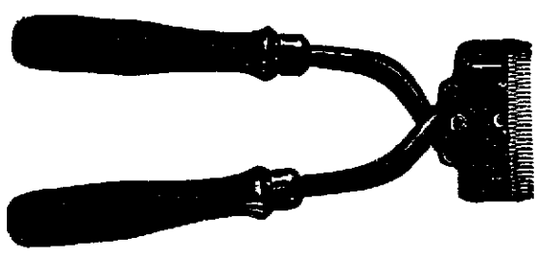
The bullet had gone clear through the fellow's leg and lodged in the tree behind him.

The Youngest Lieutenant General.

Most of the visitors to the house of representatives notice on the democratic side of the chamber, a little in the rear of the center, a small man with a very full beard that shows a decided tendency to become white, and when they ask who he is, are told that it is Gen Wheeler, of Alabama.

This gentleman attained the highest military rank that was ever conferred upon one of his age, for he was commissioned a lieutenant general in the confederate army when he was but 28 years of age. He was by far the youngest officer of his rank ever known to either army or navy on the American continent, and younger than any general officer who has held an equivalent command on the continent of Europe in our time, except in the case of one royal prince of the house of Hapsburg. The confederacy never created officers of such high rank except for the most distinguished services in the field. Gen. Wade Hampton, though he had been at nearly every battle in which the army of northern Virginia was engaged from the first Manassas to the Wilderness, was not given this grade until the last year of the war. Gen. N. B. Forrest, the most distinguished officer in the western army, was not made lieutenant general until January, 1865, while Gen. John B. Gordon only received his rank during the very last fighting days of the confederacy.

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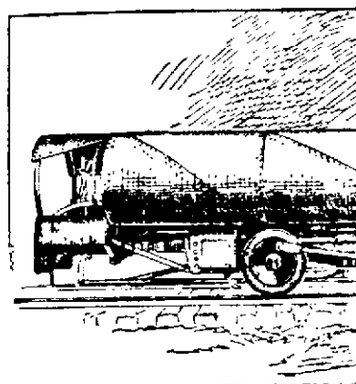
It Is Already Used in Mining Operations, Gunnery and Many Trades and May in Time Displace Steam and Electric Locomotives.

[Special Letter.]

No subject is of greater coming importance to mechanical engineers and transportation companies than the comparative merits of electricity and of compressed air as motive powers. To speak of either as motive powers is in a technical sense an error, for both are rather the means of storage and transmitting power, than of originating it. In this sense, the term motive power will be used, although technically the words are not strictly accurate.

Compressed air as a power for street railways has made its way against the active opposition of the electrical engineers. The controversy has been long and bitter. In spite of its opponents, compressed air has made marked progress. It is in daily use in Europe on tramways, notably in the suburbs of Paris, and in the Swiss mountain town of Berne, where it has shown itself to be economical and effective. In the United States, air as a power for street cars is in the experimental stage. It has been tried in Toledo with satisfactory results. The Metropolitan Traction company, of New York, has shown its faith in air by ordering seven cars equipped with compressed air motors for use on its elevated line. Within two years, the company has planned to extend the use of air to all of its cross-town lines.

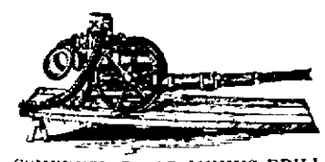
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Nor are the experiments with air for transportation purposes confined to cars. A company has been organized in New York to put a compressed air horseless cab on the market, which is expected to leave the cabbies without an occupation. These cabs will be running by April 1. Another application of air to the same purpose is by a Chicago inventor, who has built a compressed air tricycle. The first use of his machine will be for the delivery of light goods and packages. It will be followed at an early date with a tricycle for passenger use, for which a great future is hoped. Power for both classes of vehicles will be supplied from a central compressing plant in Wabash avenue.

Probably the most general use of air, except for respiratory purposes, is in the tires of bicycles. It has been successfully employed also for bicycle saddles and handle grips. In the big office buildings of the cities it has found a wide and novel field. All of the clocks in the Fisher building, Chicago, are run by compressed air. In every office of the building is a clock of peculiar construction. It has neither springs nor weights. Its hands do not move forward with a slow continuous motion, but in a series of jumps, at intervals of 30 seconds. Neither has it a tick like other



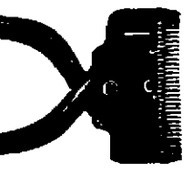
COMPRESSED AIR MINING DRILL.

clocks. It is, in fact, a clock only in regard to its face and hands. These hands are moved at intervals of half a minute by another clock in the basement, called the "master clock," which acts by compressed air, through a system of pipes, on its subordinates in the different offices. A small engine in the basement supplies the power. The system is said to be successful in its operation.

All of the steam radiators in the same building are regulated by compressed air. Connected with every radiator is a thermomostat. If the temperature rise too high, it acts on a mechanism which closes the steam valve in the radiator. When the room becomes colder than a certain temperature the same automaton opens it again. Another use of compressed air in this building is for opening and closing the doors of the elevator shafts by touching a button. Letter copying presses operated by compressed air are in use.

In the office of a manufacturing firm, compressed air has been employed for the novel purpose of keeping the time of the men. At the main door of the shop is a board studded with numbered buttons. Each of the employes has a number corresponding to one of the buttons. On entering the door he touches his button, when a device operated by compressed air stamps his number and the hour or half hour on a card. His leaving for lunch and arrival after the noon hour are registered in the same

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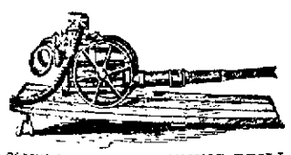
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Nor are the experiments with air for transportation purposes confined to cars. A company has been organized in New York to put a compressed air, horseless cab on the market, which is expected to leave the cabbies without an occupation. These cabs will be running by April 1. Another application of air to the same purpose is by a Chicago inventor, who has built a compressed air tricycle. The first use of his machine will be for the delivery of light goods and packages. It will be followed at an early date with a tricycle for passenger use, for which a great future is hoped. Power for both classes of vehicles will be supplied from a central compressing plant in Wabash avenue.

Probably the most general use of air, except for respiratory purposes, is in the tires of bicycles. It has been successfully employed also for bicycle saddles and handle grips. In the big office buildings of the cities it has found a wide and novel field. All of the clocks in the Fisher building, Chicago, are run by compressed air. In every office of the building is a clock of peculiar construction. It has neither springs nor weights. Its hands do not move forward with a slow continuous motion, but in a series of jumps, at intervals of 30 seconds. Neither has it a tick like other



COMPRESSED AIR MINING DRILL.

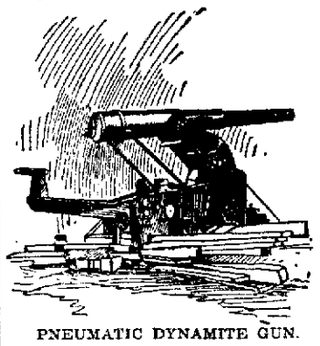
clocks. It is, in fact, a clock only in regard to its face and hands. These hands are moved at intervals of half a minute by another clock in the basement, called the "master clock," which acts by compressed air, through a system of pipes, on its subordinates in the different offices. A small engine in the basement supplies the power. The system is said to be successful in its operation.

All of the steam radiators in the same building are regulated by compressed air. Connected with every radiator is a thermostat. If the temperature rise too high, it acts on a mechanism which closes the steam valve in the radiator. When the room becomes colder than a certain temperature the same automaton opens it again. Another use of compressed air in this building is for opening and closing the doors of the elevator shafts by touching a button. Letter copying presses operated by compressed air are in use.

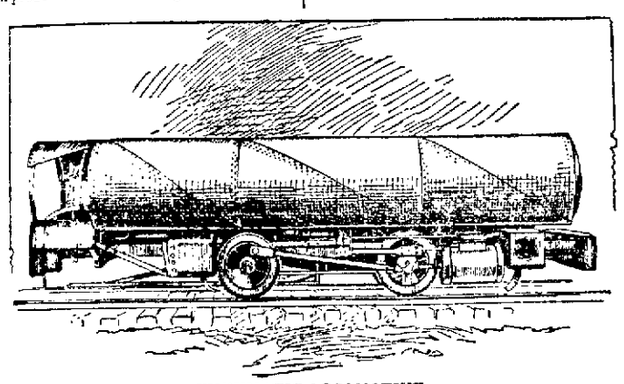
In the office of a manufacturing firm, compressed air has been employed for the novel purpose of keeping the time of the men. At the main door of the shop is a board studded with numbered buttons. Each of the employes has a number corresponding to one of the buttons. On entering the door, he touches his button, when a device operated by compressed air stamps his number and the hour or half hour on a card. His leaving for lunch and arrival after the noon hour are registered in the same manner. At night the workman touches the button for the last time, the cards are collected by a clerk, the time entered in a book. The services of a timekeeper are dispensed with by the use of the device.

Many other automatic and controlling mechanisms are operated by compressed air. It is said to be certain in its action, without being subject to the delicate conditions of electricity.

Tools operated by compressed air have a wide and various field of usefulness. Chipping and dressing iron, steel and stone, riveting boilers, calking the joints of ships, sandpapering the sides of cars, cleaning car cushions, carpets and rugs, and painting are a few of them. Dressing tools have a wonderful effectiveness. Inside of a handle stock, a chisel is driven by air at the rate of 300 strokes to the minute. It takes a strip half an inch in width from the edge of a half inch piece of boiler iron, eight feet long in 20 minutes. Marble or granite may be chiseled at the same high rate of speed. A modification of the same little machine is used to rivet the joints of boilers and for calking the seams of ships. In the manufacture of cars, the cars are built in some shops without further dressing of the lumber than it receives at the planing mills. After the sides are in position, a man with a sandpapering machine driven by compressed air rapidly smooths them. The coat of paint which follows may be applied by another compressed air machine, throwing a fine spray. When the finished car is in use, a combination of cups and tubes, operated by compressed air will suck the dust from the cushions of its seats and blow it from the window.



PNEUMATIC DYNAMITE GUN.



PNEUMATIC LOCOMOTIVE.

In the operation of railroads and railroad shops, compressed air finds many other avenues of usefulness. In railroad yards, it is employed for signaling the switch. An automatic device for a street crossing gate lowers a gate, while ringing a bell vigorously, on the approach of a train. Other devices make the signals used in switching trains, and throw the switches themselves. In the railroad shops, air has proven itself a valuable servant, for lifting and hoisting. A long and slender cylinder is hung from an overhead crane or derrick above the object to be moved, compressed air is forced into the cylinder, and the pair of locomotive wheels or other ponderous weight is moved with ease.

In no other line of industry has compressed air proved itself a more valuable auxiliary than in mining for coal gold and silver. Many of the most magnificent operations of mining are dependent upon the compressed air rock drill. It has the additional advantage of furnishing a supply of pure air for the men to breathe. In coal mining queer-looking machines are used to a great extent. The miners, who regard them as a sort of uncanny thing, call them the "iron men." Placed on an inclined platform at the bottom of a tunnel, they are, with two helpers, said to do the work of ten men. The machines themselves are among the strangest looking things ever set on wheels. The compressed air locomotive has been found a valuable contrivance in mines too low for the use of mules. Two long reservoirs, a pair of cylinders and a set of wheels make up the compressed air locomotive.

The government has given recognition to compressed air by building dynamite guns to be fired by air, and torpedo boats in which air is the power. The pneumatic dynamite gun has undergone a successful test at Fort Winfield Scott, near San Francisco, where it throws projectiles weighing over 1,000 pounds nearly a mile. Compressed air is used instead of powder, from the fact that any attempt to fire dynamite out of a cannon with powder would be likely to result in greater destruction to the gunners than to the enemy. The government cruiser Vesuvius is equipped with three stationary dynamite guns.

The government torpedo boat Destroyer will discharge a projectile by compressed air at a pressure of 4,000 pounds to the square inch a distance of 600 feet under the surface of the water. It explodes by contact. The Whitehead torpedo is itself propelled by compressed air. It is 12 to 19 feet long, with a diameter of 12 to 15 inches. With the charge of air in its reservoir it will run 600 yards. If in that distance it does not strike the ship of an enemy it may be set to either sink or rise. Its charge is 50 to 100 pounds of gun cotton. The cost of these torpedoes to the government is $1,000 each.

A. S. CHAPMAN.

EPIGRAMS OF COL. CARTER.

Northerners Don't Know How to Treat a Canvasback.

The following are some of the epigrammatic remarks of Col. Carter which are preserved in the recent version, says the Chicago News:

"My fire is my friend and sometimes it seems my only friend; it talks to me for hours until we both get sleepy together and I cover it up with its gray blanket of ashes and then go to bed myself."

"Salt yo' food, suh, with humor, season it with wit and sprinkle it all over with the charm of goodfellowship, but never poison it with the cares of yo' life. It is an insult to yo' digestion, besides bein', sur, a mark of bad breedin'."

"When you are gettin' old and have no wife to love you and no children to make yo' heart glad, a wood fire, full of honest old logs, every one of which is doin' its best to please yo', is a great comfort."

"Fill yo' glasses, gentlemen, and drink to the health of that greatest of all blessings—a true southern lady."

"Jelly, with a canvasback? No, suh, not a suspicion of it. A pinch of salt, a dust of cayenne, then shut yo' eyes and mouth and don't open them 'sept fo' a drop of good red wine. It is the salt marsh in the early mornin' that yo' are tastin', suh, not molasses candy. Yo' nowtheners don't really treat a canvasback with any degree of respect. Yo' ought never to come into his presence when he lies in state without takin' off yo' hat."

POWERFUL DEVIL FISH.

One Towed a Launch, Which Was Backing Water at Speed of Six Knots.

The Sportsmen's Review tells of the strength of the devil fish, which are caught regularly as a pastime at only one point on the gulf. The fishermen of Naples on the Gulf of Mexico fish for the devil fish and get them.

"Col. Bob Holloway," according to the Review, "was fishing for the monsters with a party of friends, from a naphtha launch, when they had a strike. The launch was 25 feet long and contained ten persons. This the fish towed around for an hour, attaining a speed of six knots at times, in spite of the fact that the propeller of the launch was backing. The whole fight was in sight of the hotel guests, who had assembled to see the battle between fin and propeller. When the animal was finally tired out and towed ashore it required six men to drag it out. On propping its mouth open a salt barrel could have been rolled into it. It measured 22 feet from wing tip to wing tip."

Another Naples fish story follows: "Mrs. Hugh McDonald was fishing for sharks. She had a bite. On pulling in, the head of a shark that had been at least four feet long was found. Some shark had bitten the first capture in two. Later the big fellow was hooked by Mrs. McDonald and was pulled in. The second shark was more than 15 feet long."

DUTCH JOHN'S QUEER REPORT.

His Description of the Accident Was Certainly Unique.

After having his truck smashed and some of his men killed by a collision with a wild train, says the Railroad Telegrapher, a German section foreman sent in the following unique report to the division superintendent:

"Ve be makin run mit der thruck und sum spikes down to Fairvell crossin und we ask dot man vat make der nise mit der little clicker up in der 'ouse vere der vires run in vat times der drain cums, und he says she cums purty soon, John, but you have time to get der thruck down to der crossin und as ve t'inks dat he bees talkin der druth ve makes der thruck gone purty quick, but up der thruck cumss der big puffer like der defful, und vile ve talked about wat ve do der thruck goes up over de head of der puffer und der spikes und men go plunk in der ditch. Vone of der 'Tallian men lose his two legs und he be not sthrong enough ter valk ve put 'im in mit der luggage in der car vere he dies sune. Mike Doole go up mit de air und comes not down yet, und ve not find him easy, but dere bees nodings for him to hit up dere ve dinks he cums down purty sune all right. Der growbars und nine shovels cum down so ve vaits here till Mike Doole cums down too. Yours, John Schneider."

Countersign on the Frontier.

Web Wilder recites in his "Annals of Kansas" that in 1854, when the first tide of New England settlers began to drift hitherward, the Missourians tied a cow to each crossing of the Missouri river. When an immigrant arrived at the crossing he was certain to make some remark about the animal, and if he said "cow" he was suffered to cross, but if he said "keow" he was hustled back east and out of the country as a bloody-minded abolitionist. In retaliation for this it is said the Kansas fellows tied a bear on their side of the river, and when an immigrant crossed who called it "bear" he was welcomed with open arms, but the fellow who called it "bar" was scooted back into Missouri as an unwelcome slavery advocate.

An Artist's Story.

A celebrated artist tells a story of how, when he was playing with pencil and paper, he suddenly began to draw a portrait of a face that he seemed to remember. But he never discovered the original until when, on a visit to a country house, he discovered the face among the portraits of the ancestors of the family. On inquiry, he found that his grandfather had once been engaged to be married to the girl, but had been obliged to give her up or the pressure of her relatives.

Immense Fish Lines.

On the east coast of England, where hook and line fishing is most extensively carried on, immense lines are used. Some of them are about eight miles long and carry nearly 5,000 hooks.



TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, MARCH 2d, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one and can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business; have land to exchange for stocks of goods, goods to exchange for lands. In fact can fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country across the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.
BOLEN & LANNING.

Harristown.

The ladies of the M. E. church will serve oysters and ice cream in the church Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, before putting down the carpets and having the final clean up. On next Sabbath the church will be reopened for service. After extensive improvements. A furnace has been put in, an arched hard wood ceiling put on, all woodwork painted, new paper put on, new lamps, etc. They have now an elegant room. All invited to the supper and the reopening.

H. C. Wheeler and wife, of Oakley, visited relatives here over Sunday.

Mrs. Boughn went to Warrensburg Saturday to visit relatives for a few days.

A. J. Grove was at Niantic Friday.

John Cross and wife, of Decatur, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Edith Eyman returned to Eureka Monday.

Ed and Ollie Thornhill, of Webster City, Iowa, who were called here on account of the illness of their father, returned home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eyman went to Decatur Monday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Wm. Smith went to Springfield Thursday, returning home Friday.

Harristown is improving; several hundred feet of new sidewalk have been put down during the past week.

Mrs. Grindol of Decatur was in our village Saturday afternoon.

J. M. Thornhill, who has been seriously ill for some time, is slowly recovering.

J. H. Fawcett went to Springfield Tuesday to attend the Farmers' institute.

Feb 23, 1897.

POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
J. F. GIVEN Manager

Saturday Night, Feb. 27.
SPECIAL TOUR!
Universal Demand Compels It.
D. W. Truss & Co.'s
Complete Production of
WANG
The World Famed Comic Opera Dream of
THE SUNSHINE AND SPLENDOR OF SIAM!
—HEAR—
"The Man with an Elephant on His Hands."
"A Pretty Girl, A Summer Night."
"Every Rose Must Have Its Thorn."
"You Must Ask of the Man in the Moon."
"Baby, Baby, Dance My Darling Baby."
Wang's Fun and Music Still the Same, but Given Upon a Superb Scenic Scale Never Attempted in Previous Productions!
ALBERT HART and a Splendid Cast of Fifty People.
—PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c AND $1.00.—
Sale of seats will open Thursday morning at the Opera House Drug Store.

RUG WEAVING.

Ladies, bring your old Ingrain or Brussels Carpets to Charles Pfister's Carpet and Rug Factory and have them woven into nice rugs. We also weave Rag Rugs. Call and see what they look like. We also weave and sell Rag and Yarn Carpets.

CHAS. PFISTER,
South Side Lincoln Square, 2d Floor.

REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To Alonzo Hall and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1895, I, W. P. Shade, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: The west half of Lot 2 in Block 2, of White's Addition to the village of Niantic, for the taxes assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs thereon, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Alonzo Hall, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897.
W. P. SHADE.

To Richard Smith and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 5th day of July, 1895, I, W. P. Shade, purchased the following described real estate in said Macon county: U Lot 2 of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 11 township 16 north, range 1 west of the 3d p. m., for the taxes assessed for the year 1894, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Richard Smith, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 6th day of July, 1897.
February 23, 1897. W. P. SHADE.

Three Shoes...
—At JOHNSTON'S.

We call special attention to-day to three different prices of shoes that we sell for ladies' wear.

AT $2.50 PER PAIR.
An elegant Pointed Toe Dongola Kid Shoe that sells usually at from $3.00 to $3.50 per pair—Button and Lace.

AT $2.00 PER PAIR.
A fine Dongola Kid Pointed Toe Shoe, that retails generally at $2.50 to $2.75 a pair—Button or Lace.

AT $1.50 PER PAIR.
A nice Kid Button Pointed Toe Shoe on sale that often sells for $2.00 per pair.

Children's Shoes at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 per pair.
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Jackets and Capes...
Must all be closed out regardless of cost or value.

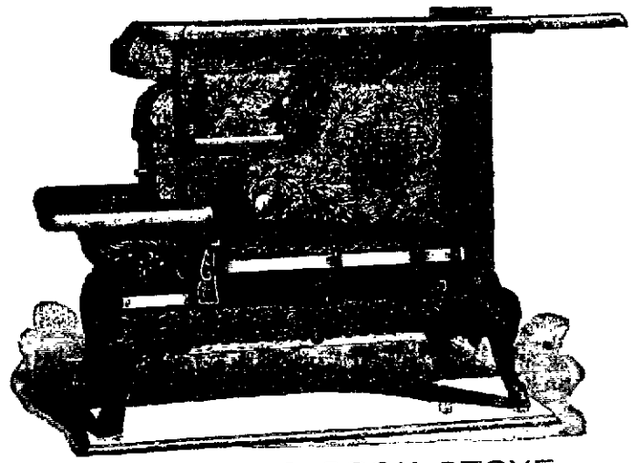
At Johnston's Dry Goods Store.
151 North Water Street.

WE MUST MOVE
March 1st

Our CLOTHING, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Etc., Etc.
New Store 159 East Main Street.

Great Inducements to purchasers. Cost lost sight of. Will divide the value of the goods with you before moving.

GEO. W. JONES CLOTHING HOUSE,
Now 108 East Prairie Street.
March 1st 159 East Main Street.



OUR $15.00 COOK STOVE.
1,500 of them in use in Decatur and Vicinity and every one of them satisfactory. This stove has all the latest improvements. Fire-lined Oven Door, Oven Door Shelf, Back and Side Shelf, Oven Door Opener, Nickel Towel Rod Heavy Loose Base—in fact a stove that is as good as many stoves sold for $5.00 more money. Remember, every stove fully warranted.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.
ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

CORSETS...
Now is the time to buy a Perfect Fitting CORSET...
I CARRY FULL LINE
Warner's, Thompson's Glove-Fitting, R and G, Flexo Girdle, P. D. Jackson Corset Waist.
A dress form Corset in black, white and summer for $1.00
For a cheap Corset try my 50c.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

Special Sale for 10 Days

AT

Savings Bank Store,

Corner Water and Park Streets,

COMMENCING FEB. 18.

Dress Goods Department.

2500 yds. of Worsted Plaids for Dresses at 4½c yd.
2500 " Light Calico, very best, at 3c yard.
3000 " Apron Gingham at 3c yard.
3500 " Indigo Blue Calico, very best, at 4½c yd.
1800 " Henrietta Cashmere, all colors, 36 inches wide, at 16c yd.
5 dozen Ladies' Wrappers at 48c.
5 dozen Ladies' Wrappers at 65c.

Clothing Department.

3 dozen Men's Black Cheviot Suits, price $8.00—for this sale.......... $3.75
3 dozen Men's Fancy All Wool Suits, price $11.00—for this sale.......... 6.98
6 dozen Men's All Wool Pants, all colors, in heavy weight, price $2.75—for this sale.......... 1.98
.... 58c
4 dozen Heavy Cottonade Pants, price $1.00—this sale.......... 75c
5 dozen Men's fine Outing Flannel Nightgowns, price $1.50—for this sale.......... 40c
5 dozen Men's Muslin Gowns, fancy bosom and cuffs, for this sale.......... 25c
25 dozen Men'sOu ting Flannel Overshirts, full size, at..........

Shoe Department.

We just received a new line of Men's, Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, which we will sell for this sale at a Great Bargain.

36 pair Ladies' Dongola Button Shoe, price $1.75 and $2.00, for this sale.......... $1.10
36 pairs Boys' Fine Calf Skin Shoe, razor toe, price $1.50, for this sale.......... 98c
36 pairs Child's Shoes at.......... 38c
72 pairs Men's Fine Calf Skin Shoes, razor toe, at.......... $1.18
72 pairs Ladies' Rubbers at.......... 20c

Cloak Department.

48 Black, Fine Jackets, regular price $10 and $12. Your choice for this sale.......... $3.50

Thousands of other articles which we will offer at A GREAT BARGAIN.

☞Remember the Place—THE SAVINGS BANK STORE corner North Water and Park streets.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

SAVINGS BANK STORE.

...LEONARD STORE NOW OPEN...

All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.

COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss of December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slightly damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, are in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.

LEONARD'S Department Store, —333— North Water Street

NEW TELEPHONE, 248.

SALVATION OIL

The Greatest Cure on Earth for Pain. Cures permanently Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Sprains, Cuts, Bruises, Scalds, Burns, Swellings, Backache or any other pain. SALVATION OIL is sold everywhere for 25 cts. Refuse substitutes.

Chew LANGE'S PLUGS, The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers or mail, A.C. Meyer & Co., Balto., Md.

Masks, Whiskers,

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DOMINOES,

CREPE PAPER, BELLS.

J. E. SAXTON'S BOOK STORE,

120 EAST PRAIRIE STREET.

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SCHOOL FOR PARROTS.

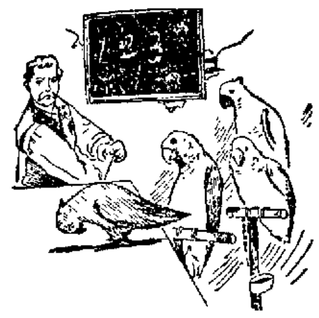
How the Birds Are Put Through a Regular Course of Training.

On lower Third avenue, in the famous and one-time much feared Bowery district of New York, is the only parrot school on the continent. In this school, which is nothing more than the back room of a bird fancier's shop, parrots receive their education.

Large numbers of these birds are brought to New York each season, most of them fresh from the tropical forests of South America. In this wild state, screeching and screaming, they are purchased by the bird fanciers, taught to greater or less extent and sold all over the country. In this parrot academy the birds go through a regular course of training. They begin with kindergarten methods and step by step are promoted until they have completed the highest grade. When a fresh lot of these birds is purchased they are put in the room and for two or three days left to themselves so that they may become accustomed to their surroundings. Then a parrot which has already mastered the art of monosyllable words is introduced and soon teaches the whole class such simple words as yes and no.

The next grade, which is bisyllables and sentences of the simplest character, is taught by a second parrot further advanced than the first. While in the third grade, where long words and more difficult sentences comprise the course, the teacher is also a parrot.

In the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades the teachers are the bird fancier and his daughter. The blackboard comes into use and the birds are taught their alphabet one letter at a time. Then to read and spell simple words, as "cat" and "dog," simple sums in arithmetic, and telling the time of day. At this point the general education ceases. The brighter birds are selected and taught to sing and dance. All parrots are not musical and only a few of them become



INSTRUCTING THE CLASS.

really skilled musicians from a parrot's standpoint, which is learning to sing correctly to the accompaniment of a musical instrument.

When asked about teaching parrots at home the principal of this strange school said:

"That's easy enough if the bird is bright and the teacher has some patience. All you have to do is to put him in a dark room and keep repeating the words until he catches them. After he has learned two or three simple sentences there is no need of keeping him in the dark room during his lessons. He will pick up things easily enough. But as for learning to spell and to read and tell the time of day and music, it takes a good teacher and a mighty bright bird."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

PIG FOOLED THE DOG.

Both Wanted Same Place to Sleep In and the Porker Got It.

Here is a true tale of a dog and a pig. They were both passengers on the same ship, and quite warm friends. They used to eat their cold potatoes off the same plate, and but for one thing would never have had any trouble. This was the fact that the dog had a kennel and the pig had none.

Somehow the pig got it into its head that the kennel belonged to whichever could get into it first, so every night there was a race. If the dog won he showed his teeth, and the pig had to lie on the softest plank he could find. If the pig got in first Toby could not drive him out.

One rainy afternoon the pig found it rather unpleasant slipping about on deck and made up his mind to retire early. But when he reached the kennel he found the dog snug and warm inside. "Umph!" he said, but Toby made no reply.

Suddenly an idea flashed upon him and, trudging off to where their dinner plate was lying, he carried it to a part of the deck where the dog could see it, and, turning his back to the kennel, began rattling the plate and munching as though he had a feast before him.

This was too much for Toby. A good dinner and he not there! Piggy kept on until Toby had come round in front of him and pushed his nose into the empty plate.

Then, like a shot, he turned around and was safe in the kennel before Toby knew whether there was any dinner on the plate or not.—London Telegraph.

French Thief's Clever Game.

A short time back a well-dressed stranger called at a fashionable jeweler's shop in Paris and selected a gold watch and chain, value £15. Placing on the counter his apparently well-lined purse, the customer "tried on" the watch and chain in order to judge of the effect, when, suddenly glancing out of the door, he shouted: "Punch! Punch! come here—come here, you brute!" As the dog did not obey he ran out after it. Punch was a clever accomplice, and ran all the faster the louder his master called. When the jeweler at last awoke to the fact that he had been victimized, both dog and master had disappeared.

Longevity of Gold Fish.

Goldfish are a long-lived fish, and in the government aquarium at Washington there is one that is known to be 5: years old. It is said there is a goldfish that is over 100 years old in the royal aquarium at Rome, Italy. It has grown slightly during the last 25 years, but its color is as it was a century ago.

Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting.

The Wabash railroad will sell excursion tickets to Springfield, Ill., at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, from all stations in Illinois from which regular one way tickets are sold, Feb. 22 to 26 inclusive, good returning not later than Feb. 27.

The late general assembly appreciating the great benefits resulting from the holding of Farmers' institutes, passed a law creating the Illinois Farmers' Institute for the purpose of developing a greater interest through said organization in the better cultivation of crops, in the care and breeding of the most profitable type of domestic animals, in extending dairy, husbandry, promoting horticulture, directing attention to the importance of farm drainage, stimulating the spirit of improvement in the construction of public roads and discussing the best methods of general farm management.

Up to date farmers and live stock breeders will be greatly benefited by attending the state farmers' institute meeting to be held at Springfield Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1897.—10-d&w

DYEING AND FINE DRY CLEANING.

We will do dyeing and fine dry cleaning at reduced prices for the next thirty days. Now is the time to have your suits of clothes or overcoats dyed, cleaned and pressed by first-class, practical dyers and dry cleaners. You get the best work done in the city at Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

H. F. Swearingen, who has lived in and near Wapella for two years, has left with his family for Dickens, Clay county, Iowa, where he has rented 198 acres of land at $1.50 an acre.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store.

Ed Smith, son of T. E. Smith of Clinton, has become a partner in the furniture and hardware store of W. J. Saffell at Urbana. He has been conducting a successful business for years.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers These little pills never gripe. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner & Son Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Bassett boys of Tuscola, have trapped near there the present year sixty-two muskrats, forty-two skunks, eighteen minks and eight raccoons, the skins of which are worth about $50.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Rsers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

A jury in Peoria awarded a verdict of $7500 against the city in favor of George E. Adams for the loss of an arm in the fall of the Mansfield building last summer.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Kessler Brothers of Fayette, Livingston county, shelled 800 bushels of corn Wednesday but the breakfast hour is not reported.

Chicora, Pa., "Herald:" Richard Vensel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectoration very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Basil Davenport, an old resident of Jacksonville, was assaulted and very seriously injured on the street the other night by an unknown assailant.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

There is said to be 20,0000 bushels of corn cribbed up at Tuscola and 1,500,000 in the county, most of which is held for a rise in the market.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The annual convention of the state music teachers' association will be held at the Hotel Riverview at Kankakee in June.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Henry Thieber, an old resident of Peoria, died last week. He was in the boot and shoe business there since 1858.

THE LAST CALL...

Our sale will come to a close now—we need the room. We have ordered a large Spring Stock this season and we must have room. We don't want to carry any winter goods over for next winter, and if prices will make room we will make room. You can make big interest on your money. We need the money bad enough to make such a big cut. What we have left we will almost give away. Remember the old adage—"Make hay while the sun shines," so come at once and see what we have.

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Here are a few words from a woman to women. There is no theory about this letter. There is nothing about it that cannot be readily proven. It is a voluntary statement from a woman who has been restored to health and strength, and who wishes that her own experience may be duplicated by the experiences of others.

Mrs. L. Dedmon, of Fair Grove, Greene Co., Mo., writes: "In July 1895 I was confined. My confinement was premature. About six weeks after, I was taken with severe flooding. I had the best doctor the country afforded. I took medicine for about two months but got no better. I was very weak—could not do any of my work. Could scarcely lift a chair. Suffered with pain in my back and hips and had soreness deep, low down across me. I had inflammation and ulceration—so the doctor said. I concluded I would consult Dr. R. V. Pierce. I wrote to you giving you a full description of my case. You advised me to take your 'Favorite Prescription.' I began taking it at once. In three days I could feel a change. I took three bottles and the result was *a complete cure*. It has been six months since I used your medicine, and I feel no return of the disease at all. I wish also to say I had not been strong for many years. I had taken patent medicines and been attended by doctors but got no better. Today there is not a stronger woman in the country than I am. I suffer no pain at all; can work all day and not be tired at night. I can cheerfully say that I believe I owe my health to the use of your valuable medicine, and your good advice."

Mrs. L. Dedmon

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NOTICE.

DECATUR, ILL., Feb. 22, 1897.

To the Stockholders of the Municipal Electric Company, of Decatur, Ill.:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of said company will be held at the office of said company in Decatur, Illinois, upon the 15th day of March, 1897, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of authorizing the president and secretary of said company to execute, acknowledge and deliver the notes and mortgages of said company, said mortgages to cover the entire property, property rights, privileges and franchises of said company, and to be in the aggregate amount not to exceed $35000, and upon such terms and for such time as shall be deemed expedient by the officers so authorized to execute said notes and mortgages, or as shall be particularly provided for by resolutions adopted at such meeting.

J. H. CULVER, Pres't.

[L. S.] Attest: F. H. CULVER, Sec'y.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A. D. 1897.

Lewis F. Hall vs. Jane Willey Hall—Divorce.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that the above named defendant is a non-resident of the state of Illinois, notice is hereby given to you that the above named complainant has filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is still pending, and that summons thereon issued out of said court against you the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next June term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Decatur, on the first Monday of June, 1897.

Now unless you the said Jane Willey Hall, shall be and appear on the first day of said term of said court to plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated at Decatur this 22d day of February, A. D. 1897. [Seal] D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Piatt county, Illinois, in favor of Thomas L. McDaniel and against Charles H. Bridges, Wm. Marshall Bridges and Frank Walz, partners doing business under the firm name and style of Bridges, Walz & Co., I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Sixty-five (65) feet in width off of the north side of Lot Three (3) of B. L. Howenstine's addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois. Taken as the property of the said Charles H. Bridges, which I shall offer at public sale at north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county in said state, on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 8th day of February, A. D. 1897.

J. P. NICHOLSON,
Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

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REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To J. and N. Hamm and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1895, I, J. H. Durfee, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county, to wit: The southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section fifteen (15), township sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east, for the taxes for the year 1894, including special taxes and interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of J. and N. Hamm, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June, 1897. J. H. DURFEE.

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Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip. Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and returning Monday morning.

Winter Tourist Rates are now on to points south and south-east.

Settlers' Half Fare rates to points south every 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Take the new Daylight Special for Chicago and St. Louis—Solid Daily train.

City Ticket Office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 28; Old No 430. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 306. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19-dtf

WANTED—A good girl to do general housework. Apply at 357 North Edward street. Feb 17-d6

WANTED—Several upright, industrial persons in Illinois, as State agents, or managers, for responsible house. $780 and expenses. Permanent positions. Enclose reference. Address the Dominion Company, Dept. 2, Chicago. Feb 9-d5w

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—A fine lot of standard bred Langshan Cockerels. Address Box 217, or call at yards on East Cantrell street. J. S. COX. Feb 22-d&w1m

FOR SALE—Two good milk cows—one half and the other three-quarters Jersey. Three and eight years old. Apply to MRS. F. N. EWING, Forest avenue. 20-d6*

FOR SALE—At the county jail, one wooden trough, six feet long, in four divisions, suitable for watering calves or cows; also one cast iron bath tub which could be used for watering stock. Apply to Supervisor Jacob Hanes, or at the office of the overseer of the poor. 19-d6

FOR SALE—5 acres of land, good 4-room new house, new barn, etc., on gravel road, east end of Decatur; $1700 buys it; possession given immediately. Hurry up; must be sold by March 1st. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

FOR SALE—Fine land near Beamont and Port Arthur, Texas. Low prices. Easy Terms. Good schools, low taxes, no drought or blizzards. Profitable crops; rice, cotton, fruits, vegetables. Enquire of ALLINSON & FLEMING, I. C. City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill. Jan 5-d5w

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Neatly furnished rooms at 343 South Franklin street, within two blocks of street car line. 22-d6*

FOR RENT—A good seven-room house, within three blocks of Lincoln Square. Barn, carriage house, well, cistern and dry cellar. Inquire a. 459 South Main street. 17-d6*

FOR RENT—A house of nine rooms, furnace, well and cistern, and good barn, chicken houses, etc., in Riverside. Apply to H. F. May & Bro., 134 South Main street. Feb. 11-d2w

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST OR STOLEN—Tuesday afternoon a Cocker Spaniel puppy, 3 months old; answers to name of Judge. Reward will be paid for return to 1601 North Water street. HAL. G. STEVENS. Feb 20-d6

LOST—One gold locket, about three-quarters of an inch square, with diamond in center. Liberal reward will be paid. Call at this office. Feb 18-d6*

LOST—Somewhere in the city an American Brewing Co. memorandum book, with $35 on the inside. Owner will pay a liberal reward for its return to John Mattes, 111 East Main st. 17-d6*

MONEY TO LOAN.

FARM LOANS—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST—Lowest commission. Prepayment privileges. Money ready when papers are accepted. Don't contract for a loan until you get my terms. C. E. GIVEN, 605 Millikin Bank Building. Oct 28-d&wtf

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by PEGRAM & CO.,
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

LOANS—I have money to place on farms and city property not over 40 per cent of value at 6 per cent, on 5 years time, with privilege of payments after the second year. Also loca money for nearly all classes of loans. Call or address Samuel McBride, 215 North Main street. dec17 d6mo

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call and see me. George W. Ehrhart, Real Estate and Loans, Room 10, Opera Block. july 7-d1m

MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE—Mrs. Helen Chapman, the reliable nurse, is now at her home, 659 South Broadway. She is a first-class nurse, and her services can be had at a dollar a day. 20-d6*

TWO FINE CORNER LOTS in "King's Orchard," clear of encumbrances; $1700 buys them, or will trade for house of about equal value. Look this up. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main st. Feb 16-dtf

$700 buys new three-room house, one acre of land, fifty choice bearing fruit trees, all on gravel road on the outskirts of Decatur. Who wants this? PETER H BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

$225 buys fine lot on North Union street, 40x80. What's the matter with this! nothing—only the owner needs money. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe; either first or second cabin, or steerage tickets, at the very lowest prices. For further information call at office. PETER H. BRUECK, Agent Hamburg-American Line, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

SALESMEN—$5 a day. No canvassing, No deliveries, No collections. Samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mfrs., 3941 Market St., Philadelphia. jan 23-d4w.

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made, $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuacy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St. Dec. 30 d&wtf

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

THE FINEST FLOWERS.—N. Bommersbach, proprietor of the Decatur Greenhouse, has in stock at all times the finest and largest variety of cut flowers and plants at the lowest figures. Inspect the display at the greenhouse on Spring avenue. Leave orders at office or with J. B. Bullard, Syndicate Block. Jan 4, 1897-dtf

RHEUMATISM CURE.—Decatur, Ill., Nov. 29th. Wanted, everybody to read this article. For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Cerrodanie Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, Tom Peniwell, ticket agent I. C. R. R. Jan 16-dtf

CITY COLLECTING AND RATING AGENCY

He rents buildings and collects all kinds of claims at the most reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call on or address GEO. W. CUSTER, Room 506, Arcade Building. Jan. 6-dtf

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
147 South Water Street.
Apr 23-dtf

DR. LAURENS ENOS,
Homeopathist and Surgeon,
—Chronic Diseases a Specialty.—
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 345 N. Main st.
Jan. 13-dtf

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m
Telephones { Office, 277 / Res., 316. } Residence 1446 N. Edward St

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m
Telephone—Residence, 364; Office, 366.
Residence—555 West North St.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 24-d&wtf

I. D. STINE,
ARCHITECT.
Pasfield Building.
Telephone 570. DECATUR, ILL.

DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE—Over Bradley Bros.' Store; Rooms 40 and 41
RESIDENCE—442 West Prairie Avenue.
Telephone—(Old), Office 555; Residence, 556
Aug. 26-dtf

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Room 22 Syndicate Block, Decatur, Ill

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HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
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147 South Water St.
Telephone—Old 329, New 78, Residence, Old 306
COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

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CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill

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ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE—Over Bryan' Clothing Store Decatur

F. L. TAYLOR, Collector. J. B. MOFFETT, Lawyer.
TAYLOR & MOFFETT,
Real Estate, Loans, Collections: Insurance and Law.
—Room 10, Opera House Block.—

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the Circuit Court.
MACON COUNTY, }

Mattie E. Sparks, Complainant, vs. Margetta Sparks et al., Defendants—In Chancery; No. 15755.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Wednesday, March 10th, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Commencing 50 feet west of the southeast corner of Lot 10 in Block 2 of S. K. Thompson's 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, thence north 150 feet parallel with the east line of said lot, thence west 30 feet, thence south 150 feet, thence east 30 feet to the place of beginning, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 15th day of February, 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.
Feb. 16-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

[In the Circuit Court.]

The Loan and Homestead Association, complainant, vs. Bartlett Clark et al., defendants: In Chancery—No. 15726.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term of said court, A. D. 1896, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Saturday, March 13, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots Five (5) and Eight (8) in Block One (1) in LeForgee & Patterson's Addition to the City of Decatur in Macon county, Illinois.

Terms of Sale:—$350 cash in hand on day of sale, and the balance in twelve months, deferred payment to be secured by approved personal security and a mortgage on the premises sold, and to bear interest at 6 per cent. from day of sale or the purchaser may pay all cash if he so desires.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 12th day of February, A. D. 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Shelley Bros., solicitors for complainant.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Plumbing and Heating Company will be held at their office on Monday, March 1, 1897, at the hour of 2 oclock p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

W. H. ELWOOD, President.
O. W. DAWSON, Secretary.
Feb. 5-dtd

PROPOSALS.

The undersigned, assignee of the estate of M. D. Alexander, insolvent, will receive proposals for the entire stock of goods, consisting of hardware, cutlery, stoves, tinware, tinner's tools, etc., up to March 1, 1897. The stock is clean, and if desired the building can be rented for the coming season, or can be purchased reasonable.

Macon, Ill., Jan. 11, 1897.
Jan. 29-d6w W. H. BROOKS, Assignee.

P., D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Sunday excursion rates to all points on the P., D. & E. One fare round trip. Tickets good returning on day of sale.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

One way settler rates to points south every first and third Tuesday of each month. Very low.

Good connections at Peoria for Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado points; at Mattoon with Big Four for Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and eastern points; at Evansville for all Southern and Florida points.

City ticket office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. New 'phone No. 28; Old, No. 430; Union Depot 'phone No. 47, New.

Call on or address W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Peniwell, 121 East William street.

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect Feb. 7, 1897.

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	* 1:05 a m	13	* 3:30 a m
14	*11:45 a m	15	* 3:55 p m
16	+ 7:40 a m	17	+ 7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		**FROM ST. LOUIS.**	
3	* 3:40 a m	6	*5:25 a m
11	* 6:55 a m	4	*11:25 a m
5	* 4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	* 4:00 p m	16	* 8:58 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*11:17 p m
7	* 7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		**FROM TOLEDO.**	
6	* 5:28 a m	1	*12:10 a m
4	+11:30 a m	7	* 7:17 p m
2	*11:20 p m	5	+ 3:50 p m
10 Laf. acm.	+ 4:40 p m	3	* 3:20 a m
		11	+10:30 a m
TO QUINCY.		**FROM QUINCY.**	
5	* 4:05 p m	4	*11:20 a m
3	* 5:40 a m	2	*10:40 p m
17 Spfd only	+ 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg.	+ 7:35 a m
11 Spfd acm	+10:34 a m	10 Effm acm.	+ 4:36 p m

*Daily. +Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily ....1:32 a m	Diamond Special, daily ....2:55 a m
No. 104, daily 11:25 a m	No. 125 pass. ex. Sunday ..... 9:30 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday ......2:00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday ......10:10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex. Sunday ......6:11 p m	No. 123, daily, 3:32 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday ......2:25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday ......10:15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 6:00 a m	No. 703—From Chicago, daily 9:05 p m
No. 120 daily to Chicago ......11:52 a m	No. 119 daily, to St. Louis ......2:58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1......10:42 a. m.	A No. 2......2:41 p. m
D No. 3......10:10 p. m.	A No. 4......3:50 a. m.
A No. 31......4:50 p. m.	A No. 30......6:15 a. m.
	S No. 36......7:10 a. m.
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2......2:47 p. m.	A No. 1......10:50 a. m.
A No. 4......4:10 a. m.	D No. 3......10:20 p. m.
A No. 30......6:35 a. m.	A No. 31......5:00 p. m.
S No. 36......7:30 a. m.	A No 11......3:15 p. m.
A No. 10......10:42 a. m.	

"A"—Daily Except Sunday. "D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 3 Pass....*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass...+11:25 a m
" 1 Pass....+2:25 p m	" 4 Pass...*10:20 p m
" 7 Acc....+10:00 a m	" 8 Accom...+4:00 a m

*Daily. +Except Sunday. ‡Run ends here

Vandalia Line.

In effect Jan. 17, 1897.

Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.

No. 7, Ex., Sun. 11:42 a. m............For Peoria
No. 5, Ex., Sun. 7:00 a. m............For Peoria

FOR THE EAST.

No. 20, Ex., Sun. 8:00 a. m......For Terre Haute
No. 6, Ex. Sun. 3:25 p. m......For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, Doing business as Smith & Calkins—Debtors.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, doing business as Smith & Calkins, of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1896, transfer to the undersigned, as assignee, all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Smith & Calkins are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to me, at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.
Dated December 30, 1896. [Jan 6-d6w

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Uriah Edgecombe, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Uriah Edgecombe, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1897.

HANNAH EDGECOMBE, Administratrix.
Buen & Park, Attorneys. Jan 26-d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Ferby Holman, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Ferby Holman, late of the County of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1897.

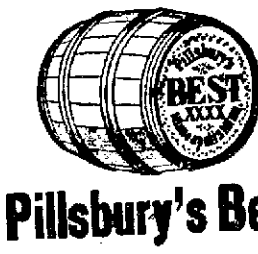
DAVID T. HOLMAN, Administrator.
Feb 10-d3w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of Mamie E Dennis and all persons holding any claim or claims against said Mamie E. Dennis are hereby notified to present the ame to him under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated February 10, 1897.
Feb 10-6w A. F. GEBHARD, Assignee.

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is what every housewife wants. Makes the most bread, the whitest bread, the best bread.

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VITALIS PRODUCES THE ABOVE RESULT. It quickly and surely removes Nervousness, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Evil Dreams, Wasting diseases and all effects of self-abuse or excess and indiscretion. Restores Lost Vitality, Power and Failing Memory. Wards off Insanity and consumption. Cures when all others fail. Insist on having VITALIS, no other. Can be carried in the vest pocket. By mail $1.00 per package or six for $5.00 with a guarantee to Cure or Refund the Money. Circular Free. Address CALUMET MEDICINE CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

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We have such a large and varied stock of up-to-date Shoes to select from that we can give you size without any trouble in any style which you may select.

We will continue the sale on Broken Lots which we have been advertising until every pair is sold. Remember these goods are all new, fresh goods, and include such goods as HANAN & SONS.

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GET A BRUSH that is built right—costs a little more, but gives satisfaction.

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KING'S DRUG STORE,

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are requested to announce J. C. HANEAS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce P. B. PROVOST as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES O'MARA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce O. W. SMITH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES M. CALDWELL as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM BUNDY as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce J. T. LLOYD as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR F EVANS as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce LANDY H. MARTIN as a candidate for Collector, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

We are authorized to announce S. T. KEELER as a candidate for Assessor for Decatur township, subject to the Republican primary election.

We are authorized to announce W. H. SHORB as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

TRIBE OF BEN HUR.—All members of Triumph Court No. 17, Tribe of Ben Hur, are requested to meet at Dr. J. H. Eddy's office, in Powers' New Building, at 7:30 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening. All members requested to be present. DR. J. H. EDDY, Chief. C. S. PRICE, Scribe.

S. OF V.—The regular meeting of I. C. Pugh Camp, No. 14, Sons of Veterans, will be held at the G. A. R. hall to-night. All members are requested to be present. J. M. WOOD, Captain. W. E. WALSH, Sergeant.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.

Hot water bottles, all sizes, 75c each, at West's drug store.—19-dtf

Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Irwin's satisfaction tooth powder whitens and preserves the teeth.

Headache cured in fifteen minutes with Irwin's harmless headache powders.

Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House Drug store.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 23-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Decatur is soon to have a new dry goods store in the J. R. Race building on North Water street.

Largest and finest stock of face powders in Decatur at West's drug store, all at cut prices —19-dtf

Pure gum camphor, prevents moths, lowest price ever made; 50c a pound. Wests' drug store.—19-dtf

Take the Vandalia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

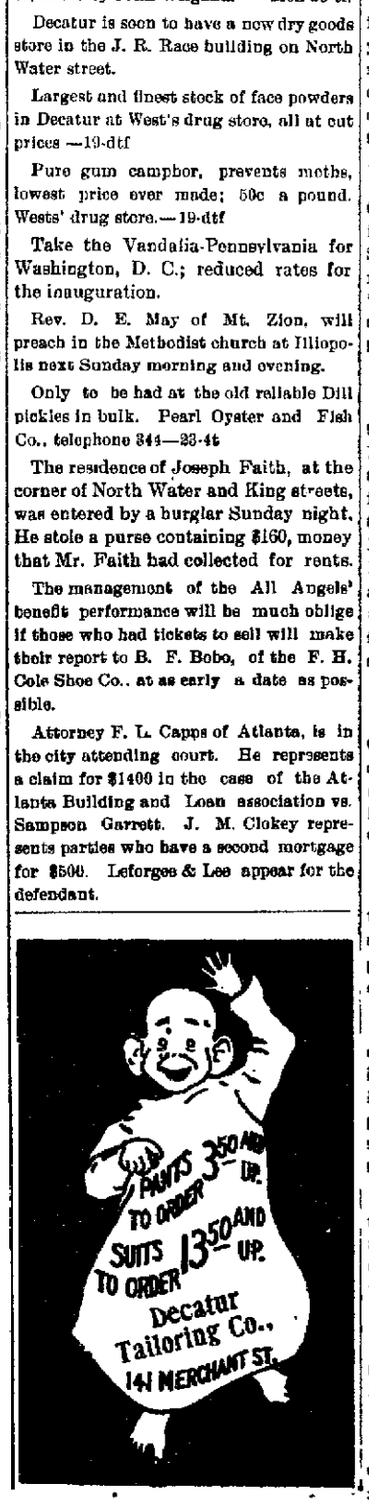
Rev. D. E. May of Mt. Zion, will preach in the Methodist church at Illiopolis next Sunday morning and evening.

Only to be had at the old reliable Dill pickles in bulk. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., telephone 344—23-4t

The residence of Joseph Faith, at the corner of North Water and King streets, was entered by a burglar Sunday night. He stole a purse containing $160, money that Mr. Faith had collected for rents.

The management of the All Angels' benefit performance will be much oblige if those who had tickets to sell will make their report to B. F. Bobo, of the F. H. Cole Shoe Co., at as early a date as possible.

Attorney F. L. Capps of Atlanta, is in the city attending court. He represents a claim for $1400 in the case of the Atlanta Building and Loan association vs. Sampson Garrett. J. M. Clokey represents parties who have a second mortgage for $500. Leforges & Lee appear for the defendant.



Personals.

—Miss Hawes returned last night from Danville.

—H. W. Fenton has returned to the city from Chicago.

—M. E. Maegruder of LaCrosse, Wis., is in the city visiting friends.

—Dean Alexander is confined to his home at 635 West William street.

—Miss Bertha Gray is confined to her home on North Water street by illness.

—Mr. and Mrs. John B. Freeman went to Champaign yesterday to visit friends.

—C. E. Gratton, roadmaster of the Illinois Central, was here today from LaSalle.

—Trainmaster McNally of the Illinois Central, was in the city today on business.

—Miss Corinne Shellabarger left this morning for Peoria where she will visit friends.

—J. S. Goodrich, superintendent of the Wabash road, was in the city yesterday on business.

—Attorney W. C. Johns returned home last night from St. Louis, where he has been on business.

—C. W. Wykoff and wife were called to Macon this morning on account of the serious illness of Lemuel Wykoff.

—Attorney I. D. Walker has been confined to his bed for several days. He was able to be at his law office last week.

—J. B. Nowlin and son of Latham, leave tomorrow for New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., where they will remain till May.

—A. S. Morgan and Mrs. Alma Morgan Kluney left this morning for Taylorville, Ill., to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Prey, who died yesterday in that city.

—J. H. Hiatt, better known as Mark Field, the well known authority on horse flesh, will leave Peoria soon to assume the management of the daily and weekly Live Stock Journal at St. Louis. Mr. Hiatt is personally known to all horse breeders in Macon county.

HIS TALENT RECOGNIZED.

Leonard Crunelle, the Decatur Artist at Chicago, Is Highly Complimented.

The following in regard to Leonard Crunelle, the Decatur artist who is now in Chicago was printed in a recent issue of the Chicago Inter-Ocean:

"We hear of Leonard Crunelle, one of Mr. Taft's pupils, whom he discovered in an Illinois coal mine. Recognizing genius, Mr. Taft, at his own expense, trained the boy until he became self-supporting. We are now shown the bust of a little child done by this Leonard Crunelle. Such a natural looking baby face that we almost expect to see it dimple into a smile.

"We learn that the popularity of this work has been so great that enough copies were sold to keep the artist for over a year. And when we are told that the model used was the youthful sculptor's own baby the little face gains a new charm, for in that perfect modeling we trace the story of a father's pride and love."

Mr. Crunelle went to Chicago recently to carry on his art studies. He is known in Decatur as the scultor of the bust of Superintendent E. A. Gastman which was recently presented to the high school. The baby's bust is the one which Mr. Crunelle has exhibited in this city and is his favorite piece of workmanship.

Picking Up—Brighter Prospects.

As a marked evidence of confidence in better times and brighter prospects Bradley Bros. dry goods dealers, point to the fact that they now have three buyers in New York City making purchases for the local trade. Mr. D. Bradley is in New York selecting wraps and suits. Miss Gill is there purchasing millinery supplies, and Madam Mackin is looking up new designs in dressmaking and trimming. Decatur will be up-to-date in all the styles.

Funeral To-Day.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Nathan Gruver was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence on South Siegle street. The service were conducted by Rev. D. F. Howe and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Judgment for $225.

In the county court today the jury in the case of S. M. Lutz vs Emery Birks and wife to recover $375, the price of a piano sold to the couple, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for $225.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve dinner and supper in the church parlors on Thursday, Feb. 25. Dinner from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.; supper from 5 to 7 p. m. Dinner 35c; supper 25c. Reception in the evening. 23 2t

Tomorrow the festival of St. Mathias there will be a celebration of holy communion at All Angels' church at 10 a. m., at which Rev. W. H. Moore of Quincy, will assist.

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 133 East Wood street.—9-dw&tf

The Old Reliable.

Sewed half soles, $1 from now on; pegs out down accordingly. Louis Mackenzie.—32-d1w

NIGHT AT THE GRAND.

Pronounced Success of the Home Talent Entertainment.

BENEFIT OF ALL ANGELS' CHURCH.

Farce, Fancy and Minstrels on the Stage by a Talented Company —Display of Patriotism—Address by Bishop Seymour— Cleared Over $400.

The amateur performance given last evening at the Grand opera house for the benefit of All Angels' Episcopal church was a great success. The attendance was good, the audience being one of the largest that has been at the opera house this season. The entertainment took well with the audience and it was one of the best amateur performance that has ever taken place in the city. The Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, the bishop of this diocese, was present and with his wife occupied a box which was decorated in his honor. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes as was also Rev. Walter H. Moore of Quincy. Others who occupied boxes were Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Catto and son and Miss Catto; Rev. Frank N. Atkin and wife, Orlando Powers, Mrs Charles Powers and Mrs. J. F. Given and Albert Barnes and party.

The performance was given in three parts. The minstrel show, which was the last part, seemed to please the audience most but all of the entertainment was good and those who managed it deserved great credit for their work. The first part was the presentation of a little farce, "The Bicyclers," by John Kendricks Bangs. It was a laughable piece and was well given, the cast being composed of the following: Miss Lena Ullrich, Miss Corinne Shellabarger, Miss Bessie Young, Lester Wymond, Robert I. Hunt, Will Armstrong and George Ennis.

The second part was under the direction of the Daughters of the Revolution. There were two tableaux and two songs. George Dunston sang "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers," and Miss Mae Harwood sang a spinning song. Both were well received by the audience. There was a tableaux representing John Alden and Priclilla, by Lester Wymond and Miss Coolidge, and another representing a Lady Washington tea, with Mrs. George Powers as the central figures. A minuet was danced by sixteen young ladies in colonial costume with powdered wigs They were drilled for the dance by Mrs. F. J. Sedgwick

Rev. W. Bedford-Jones, the pastor of the church for the benefit of which the entertainment was given, addressed the audience. He said that he was unable to express to the audience his gratitude for the large audience and asked Bishop Seymour to do that for him. The bishop made a few felicitious remarks. He expressed his appreciation for the patronage of the benefit, thanking the participants, and said a few words in regard to the growth of the city. Rev. Jones suggested that everyone in the audience rise and join in singing "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean." While this was done a tableau of several soldiers with the American flag was shown.

The minstrel show was a marked success and was one of the best amateur performance that the Decatur people have ever given. The boys were trained by Mrs. K. Harwood who deserves the credit for the arrangement of the music and the drilling of the young men who took part. There was a regular minstrel first part, with Ben Freeman in the middle and George Barney, John Patin and Will McBride on one end and Charles Freeman, Allerton Freeman and Will Armstrong on the other end. In the semi-circle were about thirty other young men whose names were published in the papers several days ago. The program consisted of choruses and solos. John Patin, Frank Bunn, Chick Freeman, R. W. Chilson, and George Duneton sang solos and received hearty encores. George Barney made quite a hit with his solo as did also Mr. Bunn. The jokes cracked were good and amused the audience. Will McBride was particularly good in that line. The young man who received the most attention, however, was Allerton Freeman. As an end man he was excellent and when he sang "The Blow Almost Killed Father," the audience simply wouldn't allow him to stop and he had no end of new verses to sing. Songs were local hits and were good. "Black Patti" was another good hit. A pretty but very black negro girl dressed in the heighth of the fashion appeared on the stage and assuming the prima donna air sang "Ben Bolt." It was given in a high key until the last line when the voice of the young man who was impersonating the girl sank to low base tones. "Black Patti" was none other but Bryan Bramble splendidly made up. The dancing by Wilson and Layton was excellent and when encored Wilson danced alone.

The entertainment will be a success financially and over $400 will be realized for the Al' Angels' church. The money is to be used to pay off a long standing debt which the mission owes to St. Johns' Episcopal church. There has been some talk of taking the show to Springfield to give it but nothing definite has been decided yet.

The pianist for the evening was Fred W. Church. The orchestra directed by Prof. Walter never played with more pleasing effect at a home entertainment.

The First Part.

Was the presentation of "The Bicyclers," a farce by John Kendrick Bangs. The following is the cast of characters.

Mr Robert Yardsley, an expert—R. I. Hunt.

Mr. Jack Barlow, another expert—G. Ennis.

Mr. Thaddeus Perkins, a beginner—Leser Wymond.

Mr. Edward Bradley, a scoffer—Will Armstrong.

Mrs. Thaddeus Perkins, a resistant—Miss Lena Ullrich.

Mrs Edward Bradley, an enthusiast—Miss Corinne Shellabarger.

Jennie, a maid—Miss Bessie Young.

The Second Part.

Consisted of tableaux and minuet under the auspices of the Decatur chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The committees in charge of this part of the program were;

Tableaux—Mrs. A. T. Summers, Mrs. L. P. Libby, Mrs. V. N. Hostetler and Mrs. V. G. Hatch.

Minuet—Mrs. William Barnes, Mrs. Arthur Alexander and Mrs. Lucien Shellabarger.

The program will be as follows:

Song—"The Landing of the Pilgrims," George Dunston.

Tableau—John Alden and Priscilla, Mr. Wymond and Miss Coolidge.

Spinning Song—"Priscilla," Miss Mae Harwood.

Tableau—Lady Washington Tea, Mrs. George Powers as Lady Washington.

Minuet of Ye Olden Tyme by the following young ladies:

Mrs. L. Shellabarger, Mrs. Will Barnes, Mrs. Fred Stoner, Misses Laura Johns, G. Shellabarger, M. Voorhies, Ida Voorhies, Shelby, Edith Race, Eve Hammer, J. Montgomery, Eugenia Harris, Annie Rainey, Louie Boyd, M. Roberts, A. Blackstone,

The Third Part,

Consisted of a minstrel entertainment with the following program:

In the Center—Ben Freeman.

Bones—"Teddy" Barney, "Ikey" Armstrong, "Billee" McBride.

Tambos—"Chick" Freeman, "Lombardi" Patin, "Al" Freeman.

Semi-circle—Alexander, Bunn, Brown, W. Bramble, B. Bramble, Bowers, Buckmaster, Bellman, Chilson, Colliday, Davis, Dickinson, Dunston, J. Freeman, Gher, Haines, Hoy, Hughes, Irwin, Johnson, Kepler, Kessler, Kelly, Keeler, Myers, Maffit, Morgan, Osborne, Quinlan, Radcliff, Roby, Somerville, Scruggs, Starling, Taggart, Walter Shade, W. A. Boettger.

Program.

Overture—Orchestra.

"The Colored Four Hundred"—Company.

"A Hot Time in Dis Old Town"—J. L. Patin.

"Lifes Lullaby"—R. W. Chilson.

"You'll Always Find Dat Coon Hanging Round"—George Barney

"Clang of the Forge"—George Dunston.

Buck and Wing Dancing—Walter Wilson.

Song—"Hootchee Cootchee Dance," Charles Freeman.

Male Quartet—Big Four.

"Scatter Yaller Roses on de Way"—F. E. Bunn.

"The Blow Almost Killed Father"—Allerton Freeman.

"The Bandit's Bride"—Arthur Alexander.

Solo—Selected, "Black Patti."

"The Darkey Cavalier"—Company.

Announcements

Justice W. H. Shorb is today announced as a candidate for renomination for justice of the peace, subject to the decision of the Republican convention. Mr. Shorb has filled the office in the past in a very acceptable manner and as he has made a good magistrate there is but little doubt that the people will keep him in the harness. He asks that all his Republican friends remember him favorably at the primaries. Put Shorb's name on the ticket and he will be elected by a handsome majority.

In this issue of the Republican Samuel T. Keeler is announced as a candidate for assessor, a position he has filled with general acceptability for several terms He will abide by the decision of the Republican convention. Mr. Keeler is known to be an excellent judge of values and the fact that he has performed the duties of the office faithfully is evidence of his qualifications and in itself is a strong personal recommendation. His many friends will be at the polls the evening of the primaries and see that delegates favorable to him are selected.

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A jury in Peoria awarded a verdict of $7500 against the city in favor of George E. Adame for the loss of an arm in the fall of the Mansfield building last summer.

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AFTER THE FLOOD.

Report of Serious Damages in the Vicinity of Pittsburg and Other Points.

HIGHEST WATER ON RECORD.

Catholic Bishop Consecrated — Mrs. Beecher Weaker—$75,000 Fire in St. Louis—Terrific Dynamite Explosion in Scotland.

Pittsburg, Feb. 24.—The great flood has done its worst in this section and the waters are receding. Reports from all points between Pittsburg and the headwaters indicate that all danger is passed. The river here is higher than at any time since 1884. There is hardly a point in the Monongahela valley which has escaped damage and in many places the high water mark has been covered. The damage is not less than a million and a half dollars in that valley. Millions of dollars' worth of machinery have been submerged. The poor who lived in small houses all along the river banks were made homeless. Truck gardeners on the bottom lands with vegetables in hot beds ready for market are ruined. The damage in McKeesport will exceed half a million. Three thousand people were driven into the second stories of the houses in Allegheny City by the flood. Steamboats are moored only a few feet from the entrance of the Hotel Boyer in this city. A great number of manufactories are closed down and the workmen have been thrown out of employment.

City Hall Under Water.

Portsmouth, Ohio, Feb. 24.—The city hall is under water. A thousand families have been compelled to move. Some houses have floated away.

Family Drowned.

Ashland, Ky., Feb. 24.—James Morgan, wife and child are reported drowned in the overflow of Beaver Creek in Floyd county.

Rev. Thomas Lanham Consecrated.

Dubuque, Iowa, Feb. 24.—Rev. Thomas Lanham of Fort Dodge, was consecrated bishop of Cheyenne in St. Raphael's Cathedral by Archbishop Hennessy today, assisted by many noted Catholic prelates and over 100 priests.

Mrs. Beecher Nearing the End.

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher showed no signs of improvement this morning. She is exceedingly weak.

Skeletons Unearthed.

Riverton, N. J., Feb. 24.—Workmen digging a trench near the Delaware river front this morning unearthed five human skeletons. One appeared to be of comparatively recent burial.

Terrific Dynamite Explosion.

Paisley, Scotland, Feb. 24.—A nitroglycerine explosion at Nobel's dynamite works, Ayreshire, today killed six persons and wounded several. The explosion was heard fifteen miles away.

FIRE IN ST. LOUIS.

Merchants' Exchange Building Damaged $75,000.

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—Early this morning the Merchants' Exchange building was damaged $75,000 by fire.

HIS WIFE HIS BEST FRIEND.

Pathetic Story of Troubles that Led to Attempt at Suicide.

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—E. Roy Smith who attempted suicide at 1306 Wash street Monday night, is still at the city hospital. His condition is much improved, and unless blood poison, which is little feared makes its appearance he will recover. It will be necessary, however, to amputate his right hand.

The story of the last few years of Smith's life is a pathetic one, but not uncommon. He has sought employment in vain, and recently he has been so unfortunate that his effort to kill himself, in his own mind at least, not without excuse.

Mrs. Roy Smith is a brave little woman of unusual attractiveness, and, although the happenings of the previous twenty-four hours have left her nervous and distressed, she tells her story in a way which must bring for her the sympathy of all who meet her.

Mrs Smith was married May 19, 1[illegible] and, despite recent misfortune, her married life has been happy. She met Mr. Smith at her birthplace, Lafayette, Ind., when he was the agent of one of the big real estate companies then operating in the gas belt region. They remained in that part of the country until 1886, when Mr. Smith went to Chicago to represent an eastern publishing house, and remained until 1892, when the firm failed. From this time misfortune seemed to follow them, and Smith began to drink to excess. His father, then connected